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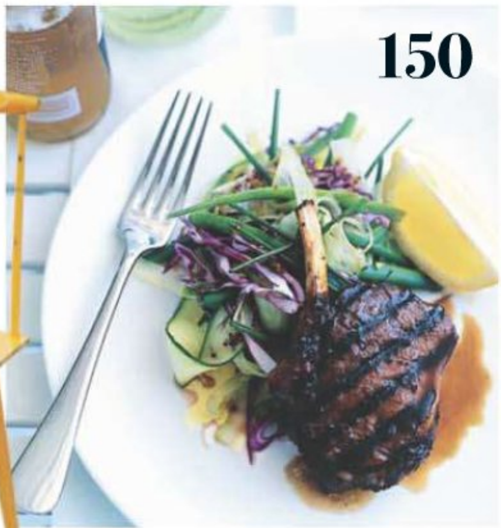


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So what's next? Ken, his daughters, the dogs and I are "camping out" in a dark, ugly rental home. We're on the hunt for the next dream home – and all the exciting decor and reno challenges that it may bring. My criteria are different this time: there needs to be room for a family, not just for the person formerly known as the single decor diva. And we need to find a home that's flexible enough to meet the demands of everyone: Catherine the artist, Emma the fashionista and Ken the goalie (his equipment takes up even more room than my equestrian gear!). The good news? My new family is as crazy as I am! They all support my decor eccentricities and are actually looking forward to going through a reno together!

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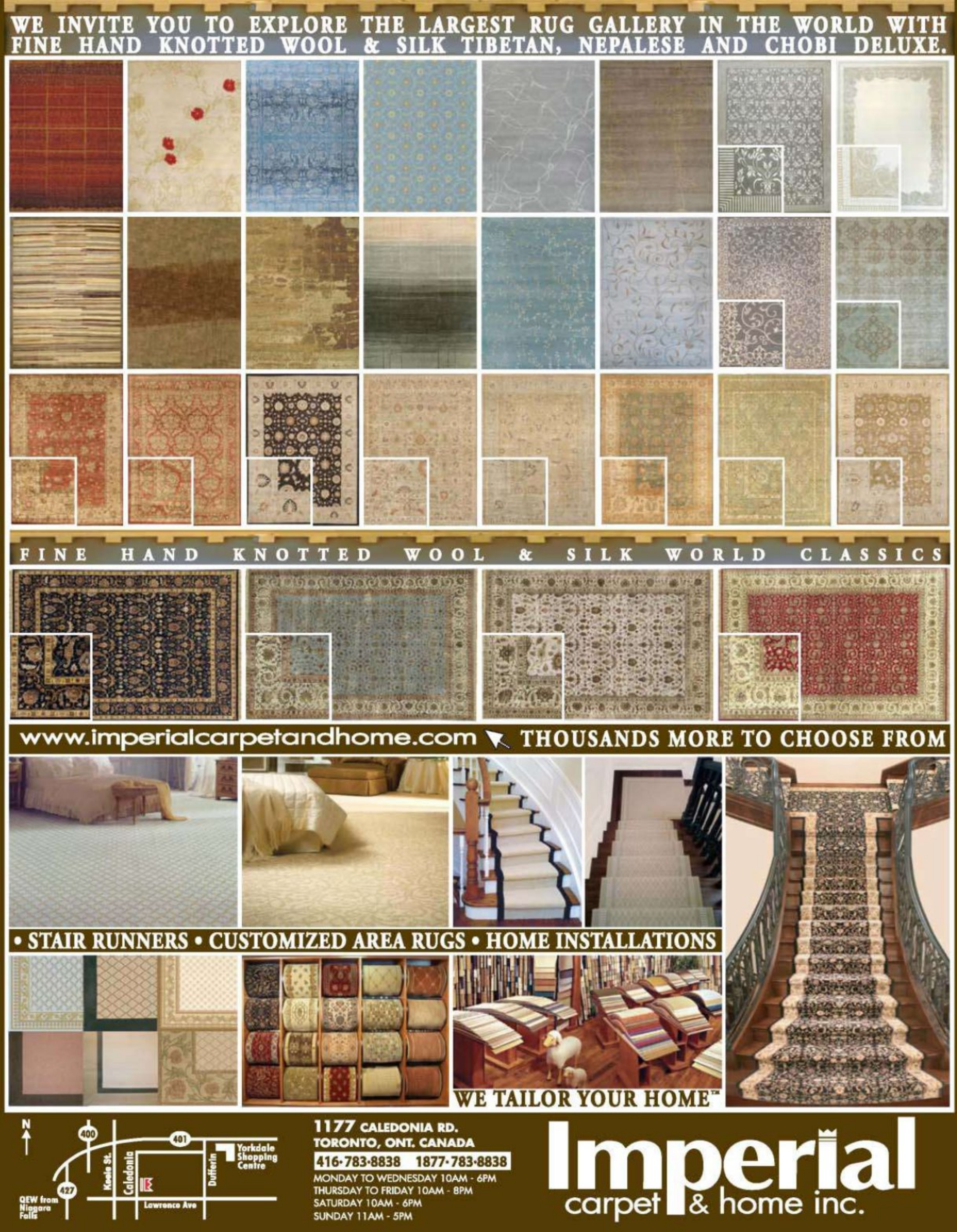
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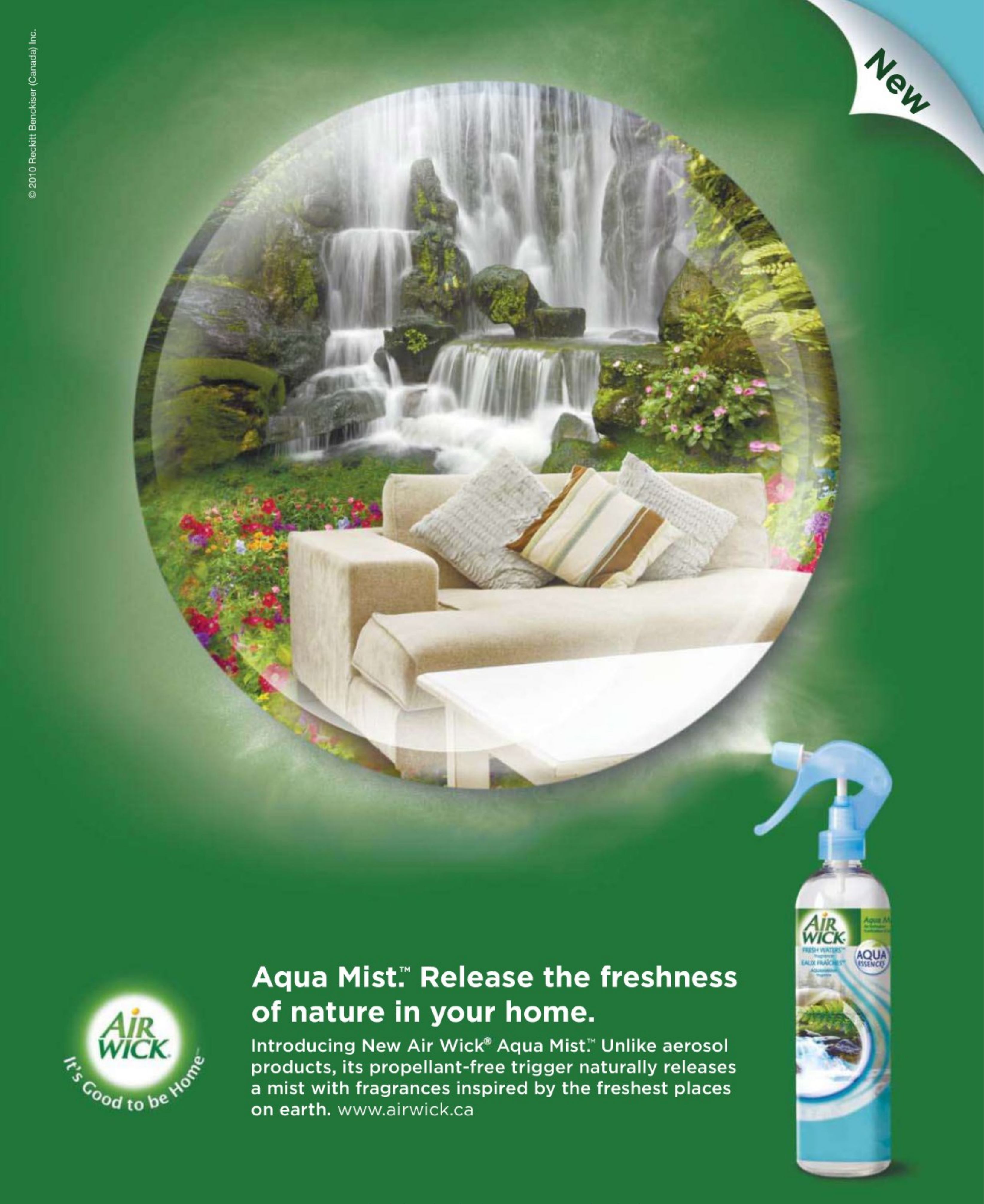
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**LAMPS** Martha Stewart Living Bamboo dark stain finish 26" $69, Baluster ceruse finish 29" $99, and Spun Metal Buffet oil-rubbed bronze finish 23" to 28" $80 homedepot.ca.

> "Affordability is extremely important to us. If you decorate with pieces like this, you'll still have money to take the kids on vacation"

MARTHA STEWART, IN CONVERSATION WITH S@H SENIOR DESIGN EDITOR MARGOT AUSTIN

Read more at **STYLEATHOME.COM/MARGOTMEETSMARTHA**

## LAID-BACK LUXURY

With its "touch-me" textured weaves and contemporary take on fresh botanical prints, Harlequin Fabrics' new Bakari collection transforms even the highest-traffic room into a rich, restful retreat.

**DRAPERY** Willow 2551 viscose/linen $132 per yard, **CUSHION** (far right) Fusion 2545 cotton $128 per yard, **UPHOLSTERY** Tamika Plains 4957 viscose/linen $148 per yard, through designers, telio.com.



## TREND ALERT louvred doors



**DRESSER** Shutter 40" x 20" x 44" solid oak five-drawer $635 US restorationhardware.com.





**FOLDING SCREEN** Shutter 66" x 72" albasia and plywood $380 pier1.ca.

**MIRROR** 28" x 2" x 36" $50 homesense.ca.



## water fowl

Why tend to your houseplants with a dreary old watering can when you can swan about with this lightweight lovely?

**WATERING CAN** plastic $18 teatroverde.com.

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# BACKYARD BENCHES ON A BUDGET



**NESTING INSTINCTS** Perched Bird 44½" x 21" x 36" metal $350 pier1.ca.



**PRETTY PRACTICAL** Mälarö 46⅞" x 21⅝" x 33½" folding acacia wood $80 ikea.ca.



**LACQUERED LUTYENS-STYLE** 22" x 53" x 38" $250 homesense.ca.



**ALL-WEATHER WEAVE** Dinsmore 24" x 44" x 34" resin wicker and steel $130 canadiantire.ca.

## making a splash

White towels are a no-brainer for the bath, but on the beach they're the equivalent of black socks and sandals. The same cannot be said for designer Amy Butler's plush patterned organic-cotton-blend bath towels, which are as handsome at home as they are spread out on the sand.



**BATH TOWELS** Amy Butler organic-cotton blend in Orange, Turquoise, Lime and Plum $18 each bedbathandbeyond.ca.



"Labelling a product *green* or *natural* isn't enough. We need to ask exactly what it's made of. Where does it come from? Who makes it and how?"

LAURIE GRASSI, S@H EXECUTIVE EDITOR + ECO BLOGGER **STYLEATHOME.COM/NATURALCHIC**

## let it rain

The Japanese have appreciated the beauty and utility of rain chains – *kusari doi* – for centuries. In lieu of a drainpipe, water flows down the intricate links in a graceful cascade. What's more, the copper will look better with age as it develops a spectacular verdigris patina.

**RAIN CHAINS** 8' copper Infinity $174, and Oval Loops $188 cityhomeandgarden.com.

PHOTOGRAPHY BRIAN REISER (RESIN WICKER BENCH), JESSICA LIN (RAIN CHAINS)



# eco alfresco

Can you believe these dishes are made of cornstarch? That means they'll biodegrade after one year in a compost or landfill. Perfect for the patio, they're top-shelf dishwasher-safe, too, so unlike paper plates, they can be reused time and again.

**DINNER PLATE, SIDE PLATE, BOWLS, TUMBLER** PC Eco Cornstarch Dishware from $6 per set of four each pc.ca.

# french lessons

Don't get us wrong – like everybody, we welcomed the resurgence of interest in Julia Child's *Mastering the Art of French Cooking,* but we're excited the other bible of French cooking has arrived. Ginette Mathiot's 1932 classic, *Je Sais Cuisiner* – which sold millions of copies in France and for which Mathiot received the title Officier de la Légion d'Honneur – has been translated into English and updated. The 1,400 recipes are geared to the home cook, so you can make simple, classic French meals with flair. Since testing Roast Beef with Madeira Mushroom Sauce, Leek Gratin and a *très délicieux* cherry Clafoutis, family and friends haven't stopped asking for an encore!

**I KNOW HOW TO COOK** by Ginette Mathiot (Phaidon) $50 cook-book.com.






# pretty for picnics

**Up the elegance of your outing – and reduce paper waste – by packing tea towels in your hamper. Spread them out as runners on a picnic table or offer them to wipe sticky hands. Then wrap them around dirty dishes for the return home. These delightful patterns are printed with water-based nontoxic inks on 100% organic cotton.**

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**SODA MAKER** SodaStream Pure in white $199 (includes starter kit with 60 L Carbonator and two 1 L Carbonating Bottles) sodastream.ca.





# THE PORTABLE PARTY FAVOUR

Send guests home with tasty treats without building toothpick-and-plastic-wrap tents. With their twist-and-lock lids, these carriers are also perfect for picnic or lunch box surprises. Choose from several candy-colour bases, each with a clear domed lid for better viewing – sweet! **CARRIERS** Cupcake To-Go $4 each foxrunbrands.com.

EDITOR JULIA ARMSTRONG WITH FILES FROM JENN HOULIHAN. WORDS JENN HOULIHAN (COOKBOOK, CUPCAKE CARRIERS), JESSICA LIN (CUPCAKE CARRIERS). PHOTOGRAPHY FELIX WEDGWOOD (BOOK), JESSICA LIN (CUPCAKE CARRIERS). CUPCAKES THECUPCAKESHOPPE.CA

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# DIY bloggers

Do-it-yourself design is heating up the blogosphere, and we want to share a few of our faves.



**THE BLOG** THREE MEN & A LADY

**THE BLOGGER** Michelle Hinckley, wife, mother of two boys, DIY maven

**WHY WE LOVE IT** With hundreds of daily followers, Michelle's blog documents her family life and the DIY stylings in her home. Favourite projects include a gaudy mirror turned into a chic sunburst mirror with metallic paint and barbecue skewers, and a fabulous vintage frame made into a jewelry board.

windhula.blogspot.com



**THE BLOG** CENTSATIONAL GIRL

**THE BLOGGER** Kate Riley of California

**WHY WE LOVE IT** This blog is a DIY dream. Scouring vintage and salvage shops, Kate takes someone else's junk and transforms it into treasure. Example? A $13 chest of drawers found at a thrift store becomes a stylish piece that looks high-end with some paint and new hardware. The best part? Kate documents each step with how-to pictures.

centsationalgirl.com



**THE BLOG** AUBREY + LINDSAY

**THE BLOGGERS** Toronto couple Aubrey and Lindsay

**WHY WE LOVE IT** This blog started with the purchase of a new house, and since then, Aubrey and Lindsay have renovated their home on budget. Everything they could do themselves, they did, and did it well. Whether it's the trials and tribulations of tiling the bathroom or refinishing a bedside table (a project inspired by *Style at Home*!), this blog shows all the hard work that goes into the finished product.

aubreyandlindsay.blogspot.com

SHIPS TO **CANADA**



# brand names, online bargains

With a diverse selection spanning 10 categories, overstock.com is a bounty of brand-name bargains! Bravo!

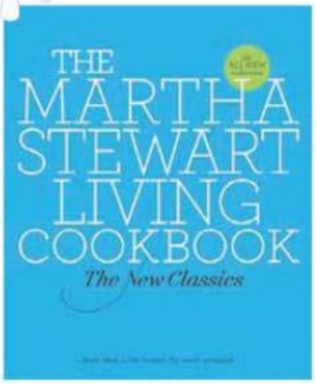
**WINE GOBLETS** Vera Wang Cabochon set of four $54 (compared with $75) overstock.com.

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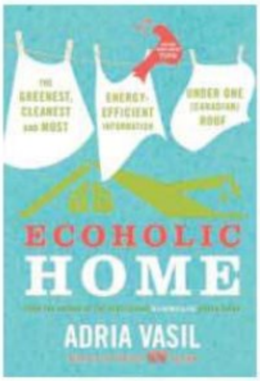
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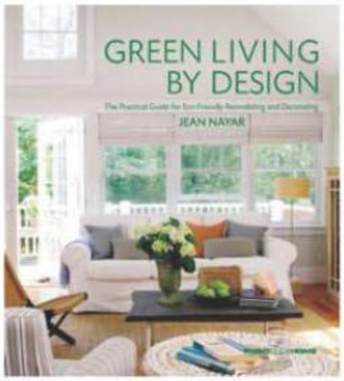

SOME OF OUR FAVE **E-BOOKS**




**MARTHA STEWART LIVING COOKBOOK: THE NEW CLASSICS** $25, Crown, 2008.




**ECOHOLIC HOME** $15, Random House, 2009.




**GREEN LIVING BY DESIGN** $16, Filipacchi, 2010.

**WORDS** LAUREN MCPHILLIPS


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# swag

Not just for curtains, richly draped swags are romancing the home in the form of decadent sculptural detail and theatrical trompe l'oeil prints.




**GLASSWARE** Feathery Fronds goblet $14, tumbler $11 indabatrading.com.



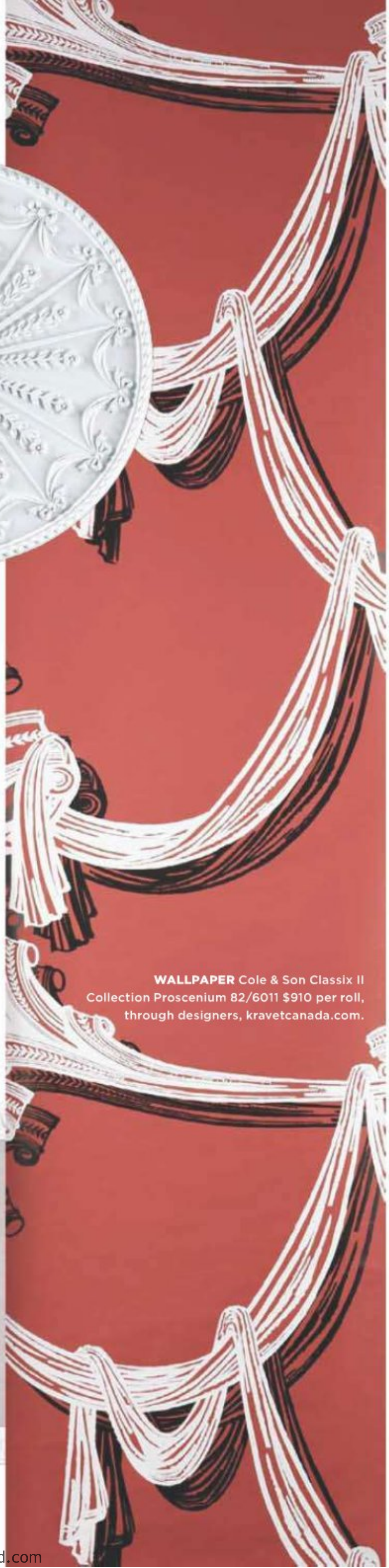
**CEILING MEDALLION** Ribbon and Swag 42″ polyurethane $274 elitetrimworks.com.




**VALENTINO: THEMES AND VARIATIONS** by Pamela Golbin, $86, Rizzoli, 2008.



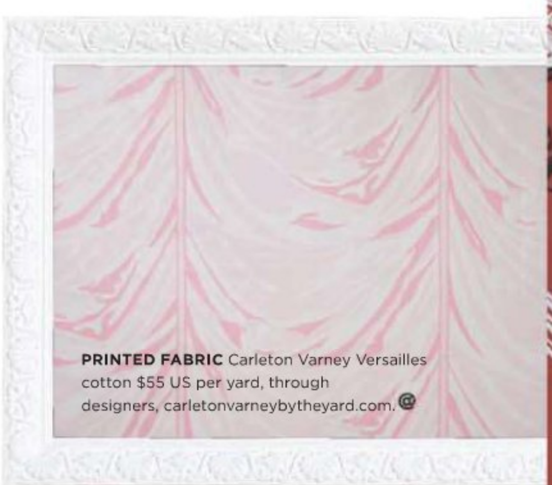
**SHOWER CURTAIN** Knotted Vines 72″ square cotton $178 anthropologie.com.



**WALLPAPER** Cole & Son Classix II Collection Proscenium 82/6011 $910 per roll, through designers, kravetcanada.com.



**MIRROR** Kindel Furniture Dorothy Draper Collection American Baroque $4,485 1212decor.com.



**PRINTED FABRIC** Carleton Varney Versailles cotton $55 US per yard, through designers, carletonvarneybytheyard.com.

**EDITOR** BRETT WALTHER. **PHOTOGRAPHY** BRIAN REISER (GLASSWARE, BOOK, FABRIC), JESSICA LIN (WALLPAPER)

# HOUSEHOLD CONFIDENTIAL:

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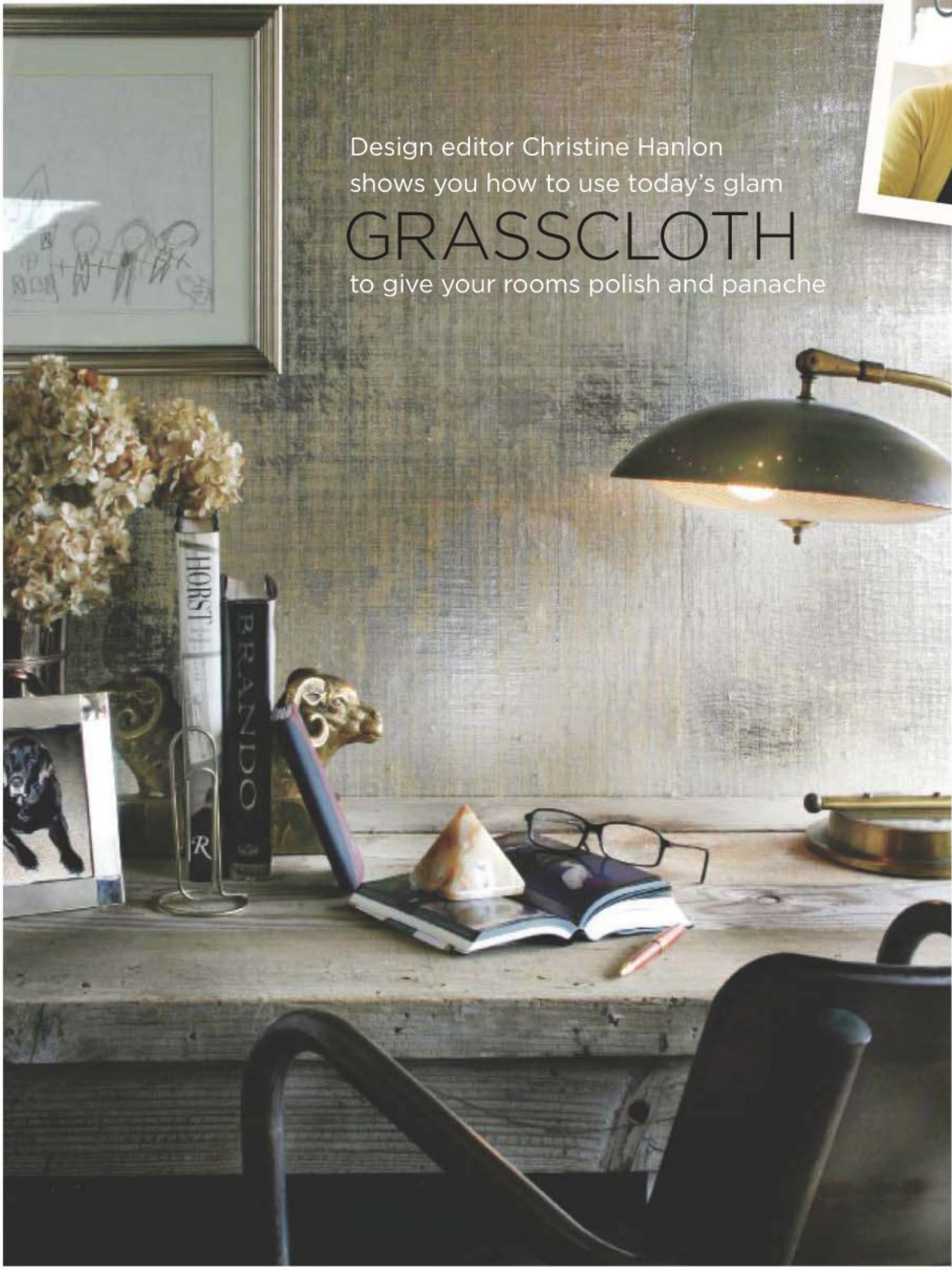






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Design editor Christine Hanlon shows you how to use today's glam

# GRASSCLOTH

to give your rooms polish and panache

A decorator staple in the '60s and '70s, grasscloth is enjoying a big comeback, with fresh designs being used in exciting new ways.

**what is it?**
A wallcovering made of woven plant fibres.

**where do you use it?**
I count on grasscloth to provide a decorative element that defines a space. It works in both casual and formal living areas in traditional or contemporary interiors. **Tip:** Not the best choice for very moist areas.

**why use it?**
Grasscloth lends natural texture to a room and can add a jolt of juicy colour or bold pattern.

**how do you install it?**
Typically not pre-pasted, and wider than other wallcoverings, grasscloth can be difficult to manage when hanging. For large areas, I recommend hiring a pro. If you're an intrepid DIYer, go for it in smaller applications.

**who's using it?**
Some of my favourite designers, like Jamie Drake, Mary McDonald Drake, Mary McDonald and Windsor Smith. →

## 1 | *the look* MODERN RUSTIC

**why grasscloth works** Today's designs epitomize the use of traditional materials in new ways – like this metallic paper, which makes a salvage-glam statement when combined with raw wood.

**WALLPAPER** 2010 Liquid Metal Madagascar in Silver, through designers, crezana.com.

**PRODUCER** CHRISTINE HANLON. **PORTRAIT** MICHAEL ALBERSTAT. **HAIR AND MAKEUP** SIMONE OTIS/PAGE ONE MANAGEMENT. **INTERIOR PHOTOGRAPHY** COURTESY OF CREZANA DESIGN


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# MORE GREAT LOOKS TO TRY

Specialty grasscloth may be a splurge, but investing in a small quantity for a feature wall will yield big impact. Or consider some of the budget-friendly options I spotted when out and about.



STYLE FOR LESS

## 2 | *the look* UPDATED CLASSIC

**why grasscloth works**

I was immediately drawn to this bedroom featuring a Phillip Jeffries grasscloth. Think of your space as a well-tailored outfit: the grass-cloth is the beautifully textured suit fabric; the draperies, linens and accessories are like your silk blouse, scarf and jewelry, which pull it all together. To emulate the look of Jeffries' watery teal grasscloth, check out this budget-wise match (right).

**WALLCOVERINGS** Extra Fine Arrowroot in Key West (left), through designers, phillipjeffries.com. Blue Mountain Wallcoverings Design by Color Grasscloth Collection BC1580225 (right) $66 per roll homedepot.ca; designbycolor.net.



## 3 | *the look* MODERN MIX

**why grasscloth works**

Geometric prints on a solid-colour ground bring sophisticated drama to a dining room or small, intimate space. For a jewel-box effect in a petite powder room, try a graphic paper and paint the ceiling and trim a close colour match.

**WALLCOVERINGS** (from left) Stroheim Tradewinds Imperial Medallion II Sisal in Slate $130 per yard, through designers, bilbroughs.com. Phillip Jeffries Moroccan manila hemp in White on Elephant $142 per yard crownwallpaper.com. Blue Mountain Wallcoverings Albert Van Luit Designer Program AVL 183796 avlwallpaper.com. →



*Want the texture of grasscloth at a lower price point? Have a look at these fab "fakes."*

**WALLCOVERINGS** (from left) Joseph Abboud collection W3145-1635 $55 per roll and W3134-135 $78 per roll; Thibaut collection Cabo Raffia in Linen and Aqua each $89 per roll; all through designers, kravetcanada.com.

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# GRASSCLOTH IS ON TREND NOW

All the hot design looks you love are showing up in grasscloth – witness these stunning specialty papers.



## gutsy textures & colours

Palm and banana leaves bring exotic rough-hewn appeal to new traditional decor. Nowadays, grasscloth comes in a wide range of saturated brights. Punch up a **sunroom** with one of these irresistible options.

**WALLCOVERINGS** (from left) Schumacher Natural Textures III Sachi Arrow Root in Aqua $86 per roll and Tapan Raffia in Light Red $120 per roll, through designers, bilbroughs.com. Phillip Jeffries Bahamas Raffia in Orange $177 per yard and Juicy Jute Grasscloth in Split Pea $47 per yard crownwallpaper.com. **RIBBON** Martha Stewart walmart.ca.



Splurge on a small amount – think of it as art for your walls

## elegant embroideries

Stitched designs are stunning for a **powder room** or **dressing room.**

**WALLCOVERINGS** (from left) Peegee in Pink, Mandalay in Pistaccio, Jungle Fever in Twilight, through designers, crezana.com.



## shimmery metallics

Add striking iridescence to a **dining room** or **study** with metallicized grasscloth or cork wallcoverings.

**WALLCOVERINGS** (from left) Blue Mountain Wallcoverings Albert Van Luit Designer Program AVL 183802 avlwallpaper.com. 2010 Liquid Metal Madagascar in Mercury, through designers, crezana.com.

The new metallic finishes give walls an instant patina no paint finish can emulate

For more new patterns, **P 174**

## punchy graphics

Refreshingly upbeat geometric patterns have brought grasscloth – once mostly neutral – into the 21st century. Boost the wow factor of a **contemporary living** or **family room.**

**WALLCOVERINGS** (from left) Phillip Jeffries The Voyage Collection Arches in Blue on ivory manila hemp $142 per yard crownwallpaper.com. Fiorentina in Pea/Vanilla and Cala Luna in Aqua/Vanilla each $298 per roll, through designers, leejofa.com. Schumacher Natural Textures III Check Paperweave in Red $180 per roll, through designers, bilbroughs.com.



Find out how stylist Lynn Spence got her dream kitchen without spending a fortune

**WORDS** KATHLEEN DORE | **PHOTOGRAPHY** ANDREAS TRAUTTMANSDORFF

# the classic white kitchen



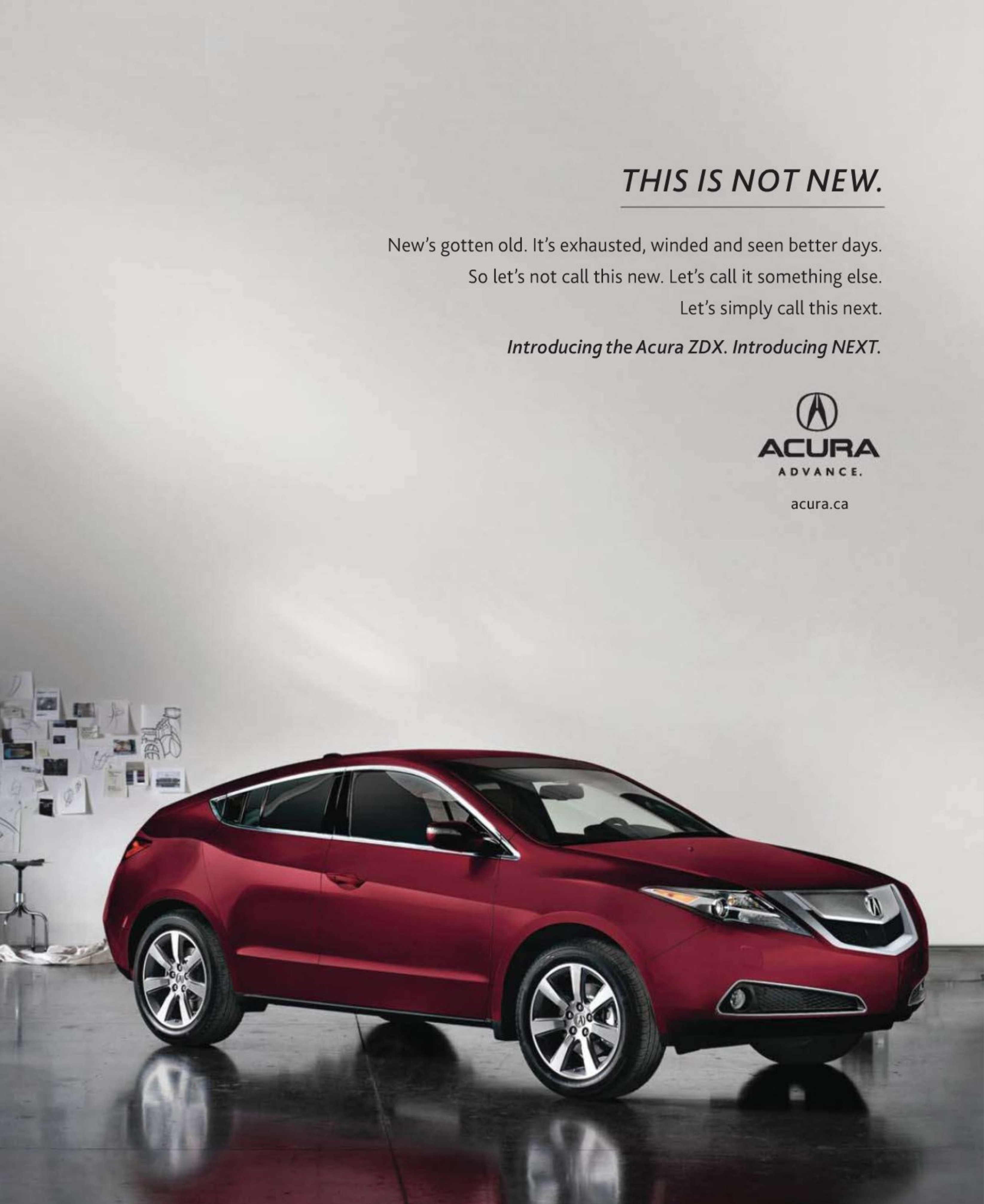


Lynn Spence's common sense approach to renovating her Cambridge, Ont., kitchen meant that picking less pricey options never felt like a sacrifice. "I watched what I spent, but it wasn't all about budget," says the decorator and stylist. Savvy choices that suited her classic decor and detailed planning (right down to measuring cereal boxes) got her the kitchen she wanted for less. "A custom one would have cost at least 65% more," she says. "Whenever I walk into my new kitchen, I think, 'Wow, it's spectacular.'"

**STYLE FOR LESS** Lynn got her stainless range and range hood for under $2,000.

**MAKE IT CLASSIC** A white-on-white scheme is timeless. Plus, the white cabinets, backsplash, walls, ceiling, countertop and china give the kitchen an open, airy feel, says decorator and stylist Lynn Spence. Symmetry is another important element of classic style. Here, glass cabinets bookend the range hood for a balanced look.

**RANGE** Framtid slide-in, **RANGE HOOD** Luftig C50 ikea.ca. **BACKSPLASH TILES** homedepot.ca. **PAINT** Simply White 2143-70 (wall, ceiling, trim) benjaminmoore.ca. →


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**TAILOR MADE** "In designing a space, think about what you have and what you do, and make everyday activities as easy as possible," says Lynn, who moved the dishwasher next to the sink (the only layout change) and chose an integrated cabinet front for a custom look.



**DESIGNED FOR TWO** To maximize counter space, Lynn opted for a single sink with a deep basin, and a dishwasher – sufficient for her and her partner, photographer Andreas Trauttmansdorff. "The work area is comfortable for both of us," she says.

**DISHWASHER** Renlig integrated, **COUNTERTOP** Hanstone in Aurora Snow, **FAUCET, SINK** Ringskär ikea.ca.



**STYLE FOR LESS** Lynn's stock cabinetry cost $149 per linear foot.

"We upped storage by 25% without a major change to the layout" LYNN SPENCE, OWNER

**THE CEILING'S THE LIMIT** Removing an 11" high bulkhead above the old cabinets made room for taller upper cabinets. "I wanted ugly stuff behind closed doors," says Lynn. But she also wanted to showcase white china and crockery in glass cabinets, so she measured and counted everything, from pantry items to serving trays. "I went to IKEA aware of what I had, and they helped design the cabinetry." Instead of pot lights, she opted for under-cabinet task lighting and a pendant. That worked in her favour, since labour and material costs for recessed pots would have sent the electrician's bill skyward.

**CABINETS** Akurum, **DOORS** Lidingö, **HANDLES** Värde ikea.ca. **RUG** homesense.ca. **STEPSTOOL** ChairTableLamp 416-934-1021. **MIXER** hamiltonbeach.com. →

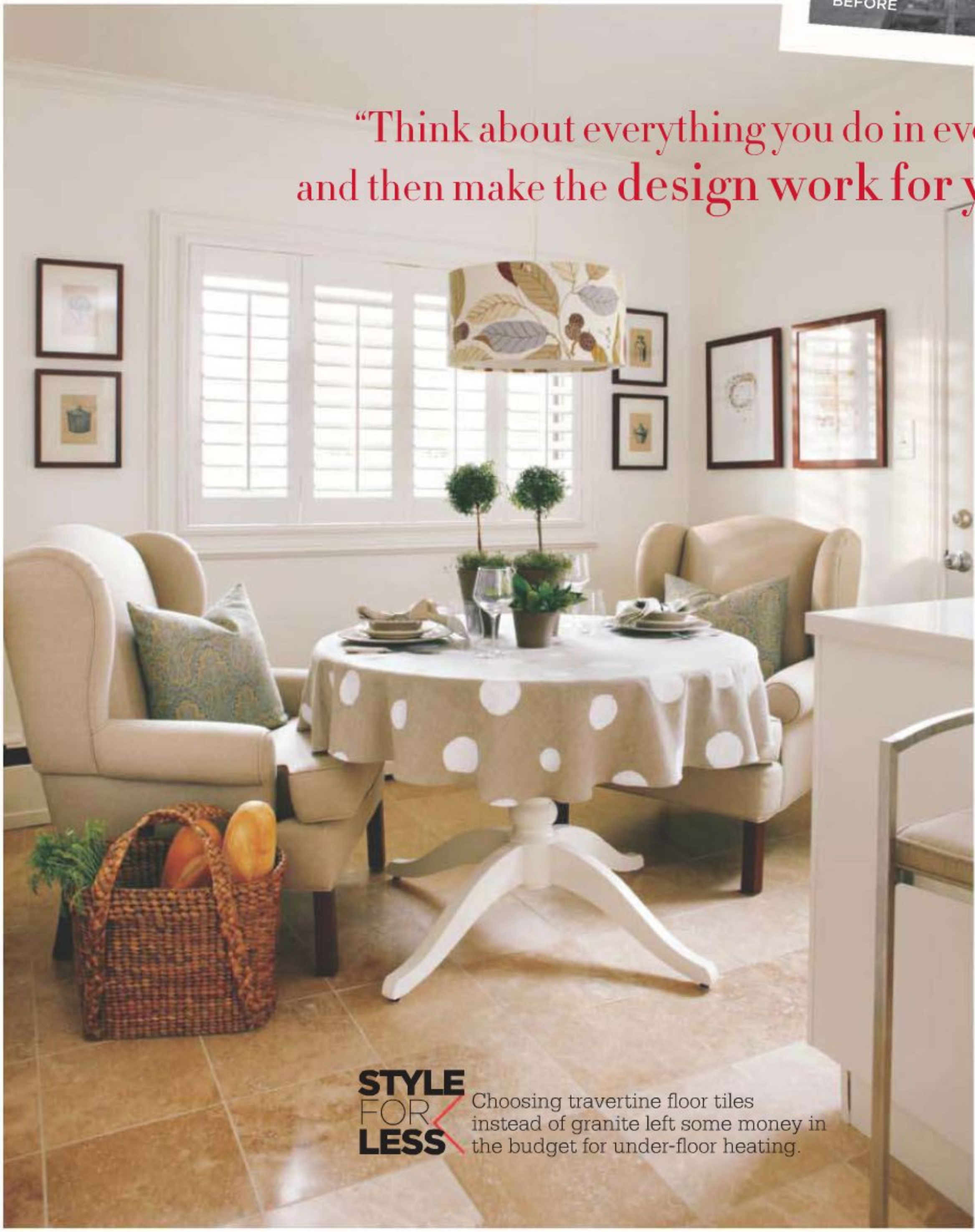
## LYNN'S DECOR TIPS FOR A WHITE SCHEME

**1** Introduce some **neutral accents** to energize an all-white room.

**2** Play up a mostly white palette with **a few hits of pattern.**

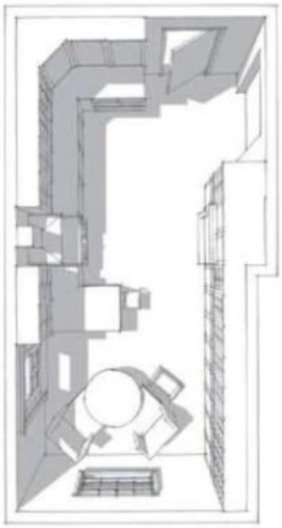
**3** Anchor a white space with some **darker elements,** such as framed artwork.



"Think about everything you do in everyday activities and then make the **design work for you**" LYNN SPENCE, OWNER

**STYLE FOR LESS** Choosing travertine floor tiles instead of granite left some money in the budget for under-floor heating.

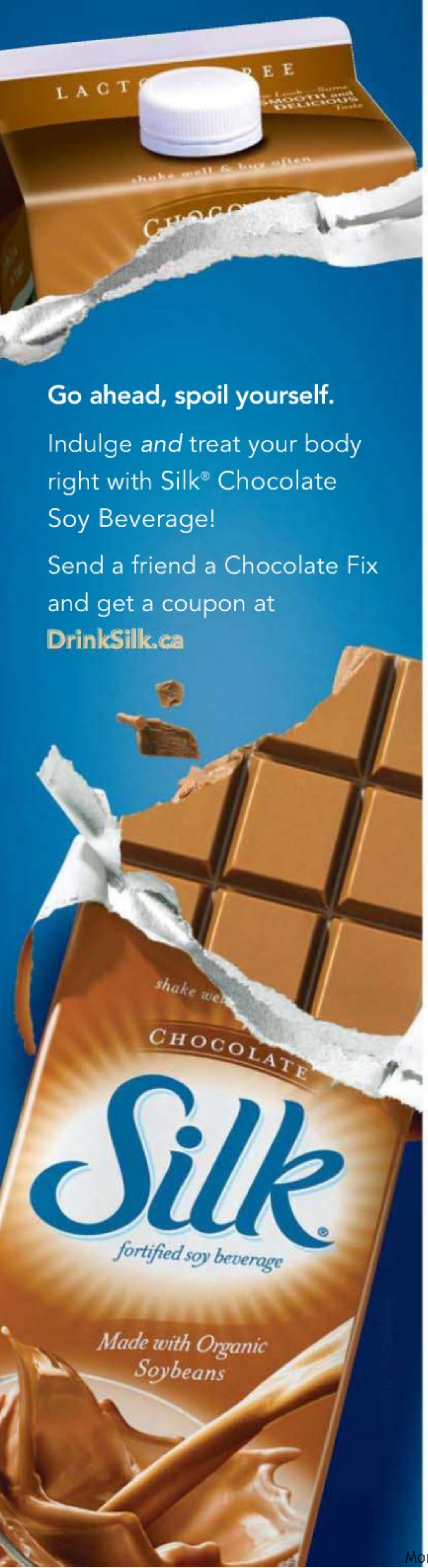


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**COMFY CHOICES** Lynn had two chairs from the master bedroom re-covered in linen to pull up to the new pedestal table. The linen, which cost $19 per yard, adds texture and a soft colour that picks up on the tones in the travertine floor tiles. "We hardly spent time in the kitchen before – now we've got a cosy place for morning tea or for dinner," says Lynn.

**TABLE** Liatorp ikea.ca. **CUSHIONS** homesense.ca. **CHAIR FABRIC** Linoso Bin designerfabrics.ca. **CHAIR UPHOLSTERY** spitalfields-upholstery.ca. **SHUTTERS** wood Shade-o-Matic. **FLOOR TILES** homedepot.ca. **PLATES** stacaro.com. →

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> "It's so easy to tidy up when there's a place for everything" LYNN SPENCE, OWNER





**OUTTA SIGHT** "I wanted my cookbooks put away so everything looked tidy," says Lynn. "I also chose the heaviest cabinetry handles ($15 per pair) I could find. There's a weightiness to them that feels good. I used them everywhere for a cohesive look – that uniformity is classic."

**SMART STORAGE** "Shelving and countertops can end up being a clutter catch-all," says Lynn, referring to the former wall of built-ins in the breakfast area. She was thrilled about how much more storage she gained with floor-to-ceiling cabinets. "They fit perfectly," she says of the combo of stock IKEA pieces. Her white and off-white ironstone and china keeps the look clean – a jumble of colours can appear messy.

**SIMILAR STEMWARE, SHADE FABRIC** Stockholm Blad drapes ikea.ca. **SHADE RE-COVERING** spitalfields-upholstery.ca. @

## LYNN'S DECOR TIPS FOR CABINETRY

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# BOHEMIAN rhapsody



**PRODUCER** MARTHA UNIACKE BREEN



Kathryn M. Ireland restored this estate in Southern California room by room.

**WHO**

**KATHRYN M. IRELAND,** the British-born interior, fabric and furniture designer now based in Santa Monica, Calif.

**WHAT WE LOVE** ABOUT KATHRYN

Her freewheeling approach to colour and especially her colourful, artisan-like textiles. Call it California bohemian meets British sensibility.



## KATHRYN'S **decorating style**

### UNPRETENTIOUS GRANDEUR

"Scale and architecture are where the grandeur comes in. Objects and the placement of things make an interior unpretentious. Lifestyle, mindset and a relaxed manner make the style unpretentious." →

BUZZWORDS FOR KATHRYN'S STYLE

**chic colourful classic**

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## KATHRYN'S **inspirations**

Nature and gardens. "My earliest memories of Egypt include the sun, sea, desert and architecture and the roles they play," she says.

## KATHRYN'S BRITISH ROOTS

"I do feel British still. The relaxed feel of life in the English countryside has influenced me. A roaring fire, dogs asleep on a sofa, children tearing around rooms, family life – all my memories are what I bring to my design philosophy."

## DESIGNERS WHO MOST INSPIRE KATHRYN

**"David Hicks and Palladio. Hicks was all about colour and combining new with old. Palladio was all about proportion and simple lines."**




## HER FAVOURITE MEMORIES

*"Kew Gardens and Hyde Park in London, the Gardens of Wynyard Hall in County Durham, and the beach in southwest Scotland – growing up, that was my playground. I also love being in the Veneto region of Italy, surrounded by Palladian villas."*

## TRENDSPOTTING 2010

"Anything goes!" says Kathryn. "Different centuries work together as long as the objects have one thing in common: excellence. To create a successful room, everything should live harmoniously together – not one thing should jump out at you. Layering colour, textiles and artwork is a trend in itself!"



## KATHRYN'S LOVE OF FABRICS

"I love how they feel, and how they add colour and pattern to a space," she says. See the bedroom she decorated (page 58) using this fabric palette (which includes three of her designs).

## HER FAVOURITE DESIGN BOOK

*Interiors* by Min Hogg and Wendy Harrop (CLARKSON POTTER, 1988)

**"It's timeless and full of inspiration."**

## THE BEST DESIGN ADVICE SHE'S RECEIVED

"My mentor, Joan Axelrod, the wife of playwright George Axelrod, once told me: 'If you see it in Venice, leave it in Venice.' You can be inspired by your travels, but not only is it risky and expensive to ship home a large piece, it also almost always leads to disappointment." →

**PHOTOGRAPHY** KATHRYN M. IRELAND (TOP), BRITAINONVIEW/CHRIS COE (MIDDLE), DEWEY NICKS/*VOGUE LIVING* (BOTTOM). **FABRIC** (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT) KATHRYN M. IRELAND QUILT IN RED, BENNISON COCHIN, KATHRYN M. IRELAND GEORGE IN BLUE, OSCAR IN BUTTERSCOTCH



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## "Colour always gives you huge bang for your buck."



**DECORATIVE TILES** add a rustic, romantic touch. Think of them as jewel-like punctuations in a room.

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**TEXTILES** add colour and interest. Layer them to create depth in a room.

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## KATHRYN'S APPROACH TO picking paint

"For interior walls, I went with paler shades of primary colours or basic neutrals. By mixing Farrow & Ball's Clunch 2009 and Benjamin Moore's Timid White 2148-60, I recreated the neutral off-white background shade of the natural hemp I use to print my fabric designs."

farrow-ball.com; benjaminmoore.ca

## KATHRYN'S BEST UPCYCLING ADVICE

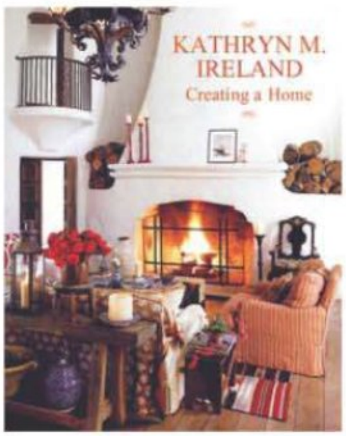
**"Go through your closet for an item you never wear anymore, perhaps an old summer dress, and turn it into a pillow cover."**

## KATHRYN'S FAVOURITE PAINT COLOURS NOW

"Pointing 2003 is a warm, creamy tone that goes with every colour. Off-White 3 is a great backdrop for my fabrics."




**WHAT'S NEW** Inviting and informative, Kathryn's book *Creating a Home* ($48, Gibbs Smith, 2009) chronicles her hands-on restoration of a Spanish colonial estate in Southern California. She showcases colour and materials, including her own fabrics. In 2011, look for *Summers in France* ($48, Gibbs Smith), which is about decorating her villa in France. Flea market and antique-shop finds play a big role.




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# TRICKS OF THE TRADE

*Home To Flip*'s Peter Fallico takes us inside his latest project

**WORDS** MARTHA UNIACKE BREEN | **PHOTOGRAPHY** MICHAEL GRAYDON




Peter Fallico, host of *Home To Flip*, knows a diamond in the rough when he sees one. With its original woodwork, leaded windows and oak strip floors still in good condition, this 1930s Tudor revival charmer was ideal for his show, which chronicles his adventures renovating an older home for resale. While most of us aren't in the market for a quick flip, there's still a lot we can learn from this house: what can give us the most bang for our reno buck, what projects are worth doing, and how an eye for detail (and sometimes a little elbow grease) can produce big payoffs.

**LIGHTEN UP** "I hesitated before painting the wainscotting," says *Home To Flip* host Peter Fallico. Although the original wood was in fine condition, it made the room dark. White paint brightened and updated the look; plus, painted woodwork can often increase rather than decrease resale value. Adding handles to the dining chairs was a fun, inexpensive touch that makes them more practical. Peter splurged on the $1,899 round pedestal table to "showcase the dining room and make it feel larger."

**PAINT** Manitou Blue P2099-01 (walls), Climb the Mast P5216-14D (trim) para.com. **TABLE** Pascal crateandbarrel.ca. **CHAIRS** Roderigo sunpanimports.com. **CHAIR HARDWARE** leevalley.com. **SETTEE FABRIC** Eclipse Natural, **SETTEE UPHOLSTERY, DRAPERY** Colonial Chestnut invudraperyco.com. **FLOOR REFINISHING** S-V Floor Services 416-726-1796. **CHANDELIER** greatlighting.com. **ARTWORK** *Spring Meadow* by Tanya Kirouac canvasgallery.ca. →

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**STYLE FOR LESS** Get the look of marble for the cost of porcelain floor tiles.

> "The renovation was a good balance between modernizing the house where needed and salvaging its best original features" PETER FALLICO, HOST, *HOME TO FLIP*



**SPACE SAVVY** "Kitchens almost always return a large portion of their renovation cost," says Peter, who started from scratch, working with the galley layout rather than opening up the kitchen to the dining room – a decision that saved thousands of dollars. Removing an arched entry to a small eating area maximized space, as did installing Cambria counters on either side of the kitchen. Narrow open shelving breaks up the cabinetry and provides a spot for cookbooks and wine. Large windows, glass-front doors, a glass mosaic backsplash and light-colour floor tiles (laid lengthwise to make the room seem longer) lighten the look.

**WALL PAINT** Sturdy Trivet P5223-44 para.com. **CABINETS** closetone.com. **COUNTERTOP** Sussex cambriacanada.com. **WINDOWS** jeld-wen.ca. **LIGHTING** Petersburg greatlighting.com. **TILE** Flow in Glacier (backsplash), Travertino Avorio Porcelain (floor) antica.ca. **SINK** Radius 10, **FAUCET** Harmony pull-down blancocanada.com. →

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**STYLE FOR LESS** Peter re-covered the bench in fabric that matches the Euroshams for a coordinated look. Cost: $40





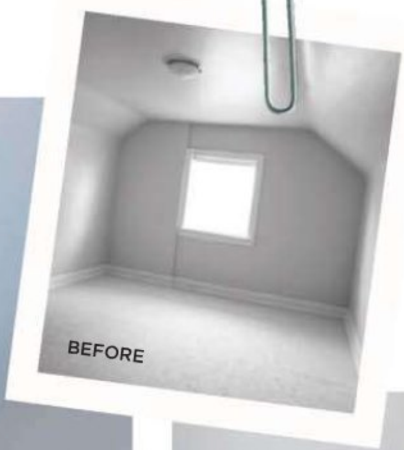

**COSY QUARTERS** One of the selling points was the unfinished attic, which Peter transformed into a high-ceilinged master bedroom for a quarter of the cost of a new addition. He installed a walk-in closet, a skylight, and bamboo flooring with a dark stain to tie it to the main-level floors. For a touch of luxury, he had speakers for the stereo system built into the walls (see above). He also wired all the rooms for ethernet.

**SKYLIGHT** electric venting velux.ca. **SMART HOME/HOME AUTOMATION PRODUCTS** intelligentinteriors.ca. **BED** San Carlos sunpanimports.com. **MATTRESS** sertacanada.com. **BENCH, LAMPS, BED LINENS** homesense.ca. **BENCH FABRIC** invudraperyco.com. **BEDSIDE TABLES** Decorum Decorative Finds 416-966-6829. **MIRROR** romanbathcentre.com. **FLOORING** decorfloors.ca. **RUG** Courtisan Carrie carpetone.ca. →

"With its high slanted ceiling, the bedroom feels like a modern addition, even though it's part of the original house" PETER FALLICO, HOST, *HOME TO FLIP*


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**MASTER CLASS** Though the new ensuite – carved out of a former tiny second-floor bedroom – was large enough for a double sink, Peter opted for a single undermount one in order to gain more counter space. He deepened the counter to 24" to maximize space and storage, which is limited under the slanted eaves. Still, the room was big enough for a deep tub and shower. To add flair to the neutral room, he picked attractive library-style pulls, squared-off faucets, and marble mosaic floor tiles.

**COUNTERTOP** millworx.ca. **TUB** Serin, **TOILET** Heritage, **FAUCET** Town Square, **TUB FILLER** Town Square deck-mount americanstandard.ca. **MIRROR, GLASS SHOWER ENCLOSURE** timelessgm.com. **SHOWER BASE** tileredi.com. **SCONCES** sescolite.com. **HARDWARE** homehardware.ca. **TILE** antica.ca.

## Q&A WITH PETER FALLICO

**what made this house a good buy?**
"Great original features, plus it hadn't been touched. I was looking for ways to add space, and this house had an unfinished attic with a stairway, and a full basement."

**which renos are worth doing?**
"The kitchen and bathrooms. They're rarely salvageable in an old house, especially if they've never been renovated. Also, do energy audits before and after renovating. You can pocket as much as $10,000 in rebates for work done."

**which ones aren't?**
"Projects involving major structural changes, like re-routing stairs, removing load-bearing walls and moving plumbing stacks." @



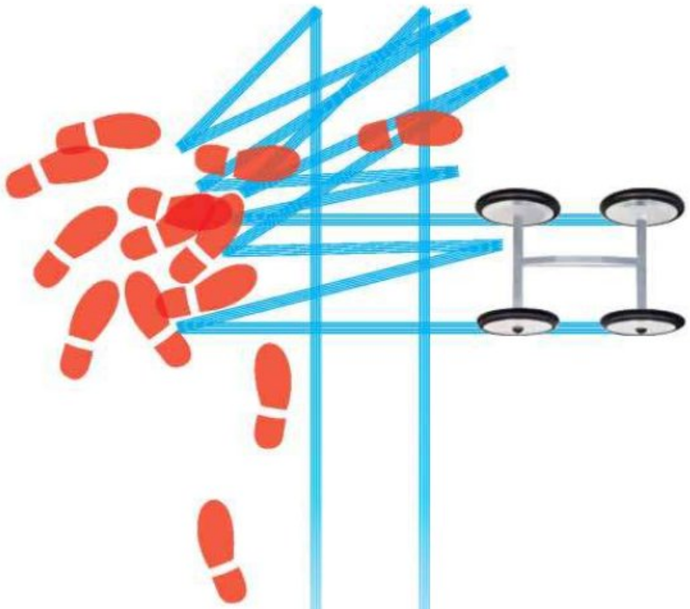
**WORDS** ALISON GARWOOD-JONES
**PHOTOGRAPHY** JANIS NICOLAY

# SECONDHAND chic

Inside and out, this West Coast house is an impressive example of how repurposing can boost charm while saving money

Long before *eco chic* and *recessionista* were buzzwords, homeowners Carol Marlowe and Todd Clark were avid recyclers. "When we first got together 23 years ago," says Carol, "being creative and environmentally conscious about home decor had everything to do with necessity and very little to do with style." →

**EXTERIOR CHARM** The 21-year-old Craftsman-style house in Gibsons, B.C., features a covered porch, decorative gable and battered stone chimney made from recycled materials. Homeowners Carol Marlowe and Todd Clark keep the windows open from May to September to catch the breezes off the Strait of Georgia.











**ON THE BENCH** Todd built the seating in the foyer with wood left on the property by the previous owner. Carol, a radiation therapist, got the artwork above it from one of her colleagues, who turned X-rays of fruits and flowers into these photographs.

**WALL PAINT** (throughout) Cloud White CC-40 benjaminmoore.ca. **RUG** ikea.ca.

**WOOD WORKS** The floors in each room were made from a different type of wood from the property; in the living room, it's pine. This once-turquoise armchair came from Swallow's Nest, a local store that sells vintage and contemporary furnishings. It was a worthwhile splurge because stylistically it matches the midcentury modern sofa. Above the chair hangs Todd's painting *Right Turn.*

**SOFA** gibsonsrecycling.ca. **CHAIR** theswallowsnest.ca. **CHAIR UPHOLSTERY** Alpine Custom Upholstery 604-886-7302. **ARTWORK** *Right Turn* by Todd Clark toddclarkstudio.com.



**STYLE FOR LESS** A homemade bench creates an inviting perch and conceals a radiator.

While their student days may be long behind them, they're still keen recyclers – proudly showcasing their curbside finds in their stylish 1,500 sq. ft. house in Gibsons, B.C.

Set 500 yards from the Strait of Georgia and surrounded by an orchard, the main house (plus four small outbuildings in the backyard) was built by a local miller 21 years ago. "He used wood and stone from the property and a wide assortment of recycled materials, including secondhand shingles and windowpanes," says Todd.

The first thing the couple did after moving in was paint the tan walls white to highlight the original wood accents and open up the small rooms. They also flipped the arrangement of the rooms, moving the master


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**OPEN FOR ENTERTAINING** When Carol and Todd throw parties, their guests move with ease from the living room to the dining room by passing through the updated kitchen. Renovating it was one of the biggest projects Todd has ever taken on. He added white subway tiles, new stainless steel appliances and custom cabinets with deep storage.

**TILES, FAUCET** homedepot.ca. **APPLIANCES** thebay.com.

**KITCHEN IMPROV** Todd replaced the dated linoleum floor with long, thin strips of fir from the woodpile in the garden. The buckling in the floor adds to the country feel. He also extended the kitchen wall right to the beams to create more wall space for art on the living room side. The wood-and-steel drawer unit is a good example of how well IKEA cabinetry can work in a modern country kitchen.

**DRAWER UNIT** ikea.ca.

**STYLE FOR LESS** Todd traded one of his paintings in exchange for the cabinets, which were made by a local cabinetmaker.



"WE HAVE A LONG HISTORY WITH FOUND FURNITURE"

CAROL MARLOWE, HOMEOWNER

bedroom downstairs to a former cellar. "We like sleeping in a cold room," says Carol.

Upstairs they added partial walls to the kitchen, between the living and dining rooms, to create a semi-open plan that's big enough for dinner parties and light-filled enough to showcase large paintings by Todd, who is an artist. The outbuildings are used as a chicken coop, a garden hut, and a barn for animals.

Not surprisingly, the story of how Carol and Todd furnished their home is not your average tale of Sunday drives to antique fairs, or big cash blowouts in high-end furniture boutiques. "When Todd was in university, we drove through some affluent neighbourhoods to get to campus," says Carol, "and on the way we found fabulous castoffs, mostly midcentury modern furniture. We took the pieces home, and then Todd scraped them down and refinished them."

Today, the couple, who count on *Style at Home* as inspiration, pick up pieces from a variety of sources. They're fans of


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**FAB FINDS** The rustic chandelier is stacked with soy candles. "We bring it low for dinner parties and raise it for stand-up cocktails," says Carol. They found the sideboard in an alley, and glammed it up with chartreuse crystal knobs – a gift to Carol from Todd. The wind-up clock belonged to Todd's grandfather. The turquoise coffee urn is a classic piece of California Ware Carol bought for $15.

**COFFEE URN** theswallowsnest.ca.

**ROOM WITH A VIEW** The couple had the teak-and-black-leather armchairs (another great deal from the recycling depot) reupholstered. The side table belonged to Todd's grandmother. The living room windows, plus all others on the second floor, are left bare to take advantage of the spectacular mountain vistas.

**ARMCHAIRS** gibsonsrecycling.ca.
**CHAIR UPHOLSTERY** Alpine Custom Upholstery 604-886-7302.



**STYLE FOR LESS** The chandelier is a long wooden swing rigged up to a pulley.

Zero Waste Store, their local recycling depot's on-site outlet, where they bought their living room sofa and two teak armchairs for $1 each. The handcrafted-in-France wooden chairs in their dining room are from a contractor friend, whose clients asked him to take them to the dump. "He delivered all 12 to our place instead," says Carol. And the dining table came from the wood shop at the elementary school where Todd, a teacher, works. "I got rid of the orange paint and sanded down the table," he says, "but you can still see where the kids had carved their names."

As for other decor haunts, there's Liquidation World, where the couple got their queen-size bed for a song,

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## Chic seat

Cool and contemporary for summer bliss, this resin and stainless Homesense chair features a tangerine orange lattice design, combined with durable stainless steel. Functionally fabulous, this wallet-conscious chair is easy to clean, easy to stack, and will add style inside or outside.



**STYLE FOR LESS** Carol and Todd paid $400 for their bed frame and headboard at Liquidation World.

**COSY QUARTERS** The stone patio's French doors swing open to reveal the master bedroom. Carol and Todd painted the tongue-and-groove ceiling white to make the room feel airier.

**BED** lwstores.com. **NIGHTSTAND, DOORSTOP** (on nightstand) theswallowsnest.ca. **CHANDELIER** homedepot.ca. **DRAPERY** wonderbucks.com. **BED LINENS** daniadown.com.

"WE DON'T BELIEVE IN THROWING STUFF OUT UNLESS IT'S BROKEN" CAROL MARLOWE, HOMEOWNER

and Wonderbucks Trading Company, a decor store where Carol bought gauzy white bedroom curtains that blow back to reveal a panoramic view of snow-capped Mount Elphinstone. "Even though we spend four hours a day commuting to and from Vancouver for our jobs," she says, "we wouldn't move back to the city. We love it here too much!" @

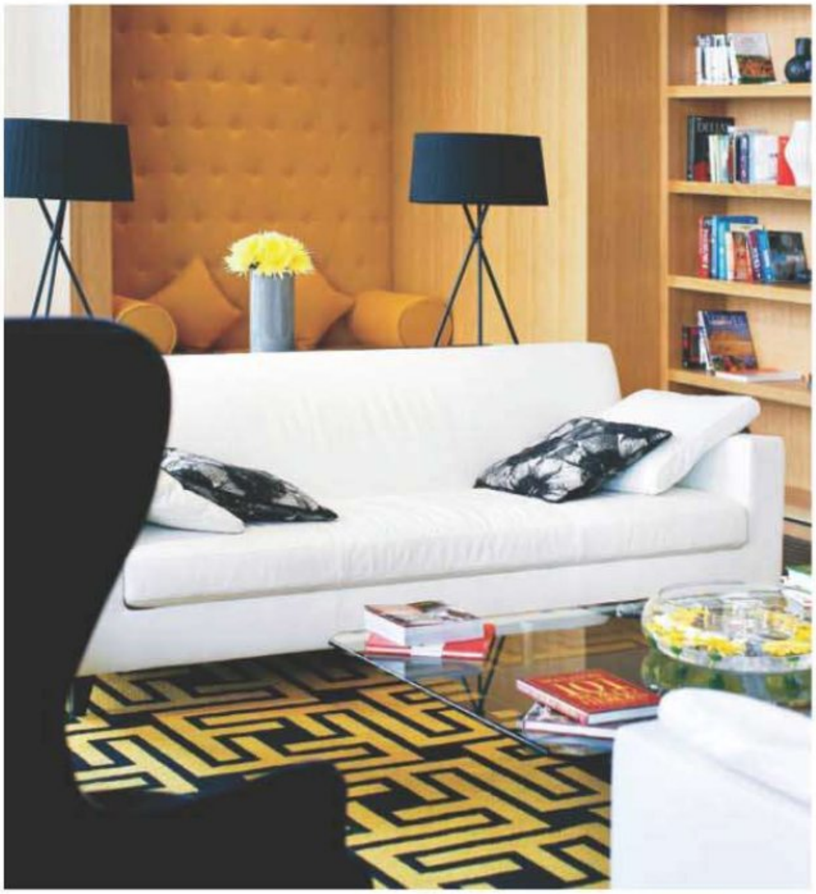

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# modern baronial

**the hot spot** The Fitzwilliam Hotel, Belfast

**the look** The grand, aristocratic air of a classic manor house meets cutting-edge contemporary chic in this best-of-both-worlds boutique hotel. **WORDS** SARA CATION



Stately and stylish, the Fitzwilliam Hotel became an institution in Belfast's downtown core the instant its doors opened in March 2009. Sister to the renowned Fitzwilliam Dublin, the grand getaway is the design child of award-winning firm Project Orange, whose contemporary take on baronial mansions makes this trad-meets-rad hotel fit for modern-day royalty.

The luxurious lobby (left) is a study in striking contrasts. Plush, tufted wall panels play off austere oak panelling and marble elements; a modern geometric-pattern rug sits atop a rustic, cobble-effect grey brick floor; and the rich, unexpected pairing of ochre and black feels fresh but, at the same time, masculine and decadent. In counterpoint to the imposing sense of scale provided by the soaring ceiling are carefully crafted intimate spaces, like the cosy fireside inglenook, complete with a mini-library and thronelike wingback armchairs – themselves a contemporary take on a traditional fireside staple.

Guest rooms are opulent but inviting, boasting king beds, Egyptian linens, and a repetition of the sophisticated ochre-and-black scheme. From the comfort of bed, enjoy sweeping vistas of the Northern Irish capital through the floor-to-ceiling windows – a feature of both superior and deluxe rooms – while tucking into room service from the hotel's famed restaurant, Menu by Kevin Thornton. @

## TRAVEL NOTES

- Situated beside Belfast's Grand Opera House; a short walk from the Cathedral Church of St. Anne and Ulster Museum.
- Take advantage of the hotel's many tour offerings: the C.S. Lewis Tour, Historical Pub Tour or Late Night Art Tour.
- Featuring fare by the Irish celebri-chef Kevin Thornton, the on-site restaurant is hailed as one of the finest in Belfast.

*1-3 Great Victoria St., Belfast, Northern Ireland, 44 28 9044 2080; fitzwilliamhotelbelfast.com. 130 guest rooms, 6 studio suites and a penthouse apartment. From £85 (£95 with breakfast).*

## bring it home



**WINGBACK CHAIR** Tom Dixon mohair velvet in black $10,160 klausn.com.



**SOFA** Karlstad tufted leather in Grann White $1,499 ikea.ca.

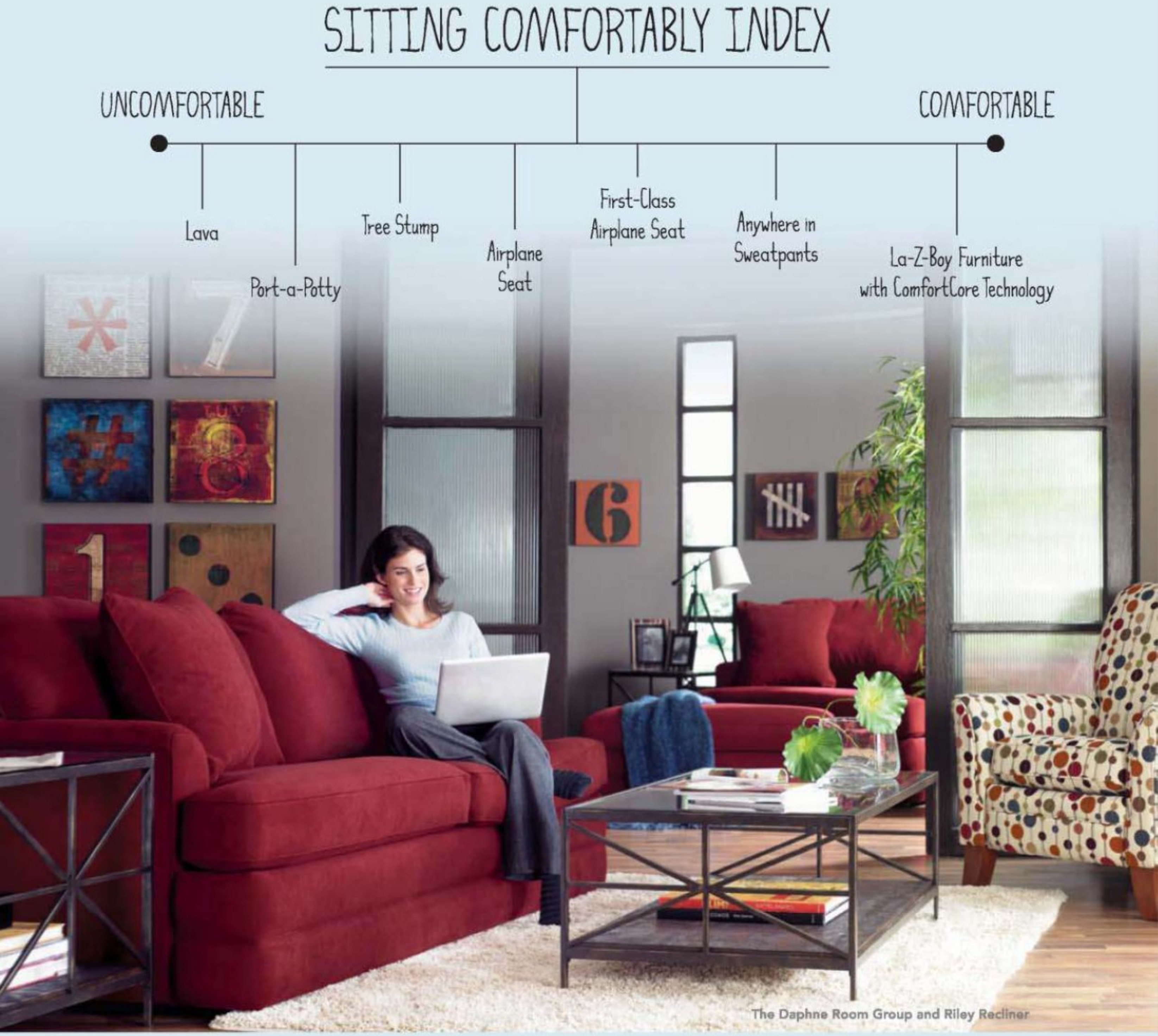


**FLOOR LAMP** Tripod $265 thecrossdesign.com.



**PAINT** Volcanic Rock 6208-83, Portrait Yellow 6094-64 sico.ca.

INTERIOR PHOTOGRAPHY STACEY VAN BERKEL-HAINES




The Daphne Room Group and Riley Recliner








Kevin Austin shows you how to use fun

# DÉCOUPAGE

to revitalize secondhand chairs

**the find** Plain institutional chairs for $15 each.

**the transformation** Découpage (the art of cutting and pasting paper) turns these plywood-and-metal chairs into pretty, one-of-a-kind seats.

**PRODUCER** KEVIN AUSTIN



Kevin selects chairs for his project.
**CHAIRS** SMASH 416-762-3113

## getting started

• Lightly sand chair seat and back; wipe clean. Prime using white latex primer.

• Sand frame, spray-paint with rust paint in colour that coordinates with découpage materials. (We used Krylon Satin in white for the floral collage chair, Tremclad in Pistachio for the botanical chair, and Krylon Brushed Metallic in Sesame Shimmer for the wallpapered chair – see them on the next page.)

## découpage basics

All it takes is paper, water-based sealant glue (Mod Podge) and a few finish coats of polyurethane.

• Use foam paintbrush to coat back of paper with Mod Podge, which goes on milky but dries clear.

• Place paper on chair. Use foam brush and old credit card to smooth out bubbles.

• Glue down loose edges by coating with Mod Podge.

• Allow glued paper to extend past chair edges slightly as you go.

• Once chair is covered, let glue dry, about 24 hours.

• Use craft knife to trim along chair edges so paper is flush with edges.

• Protect chair with multiple coats of Minwax Polycrylic water-based protective finish in clear satin; brush along edges to seal. Allow 2 hours between coats.

**WORKSTATION** Ludvig laptop ikea.ca. **PAINT** canadiantire. ca. **SEALANT** deserres.ca. **FINISH, BRUSHES** homedepot.ca. →

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# 3 DÉCOUPAGE PROJECTS

The art of découpage is something most of us learned when we made our first collage. Take it to a whole new level of sophistication with these easy budget-friendly ideas.

WHAT I PAID

**CHAIRS** $15 each Smash
**MOD PODGE** $11 DeSerres
**KRYLON & TREMCLAD RUST PAINT** from $5 Canadian Tire
**MINWAX FINISH** $18 The Home Depot
**FOAM BRUSHES** $1 The Home Depot
**TOTAL $50** (for one chair)

## 1 | *colourful collage*


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**HOW-TO**

**This is découpage in its purest form. Vibrant posies add fun look-at-me appeal.**

- Print photos from your garden, colour-copy pages from books or tear them out of gardening magazines. Cut out blooms of various sizes.
- Arrange pieces in piles according to size: small, medium and large.
- Following découpage basics, apply one piece at time, beginning with large ones; fill in gaps with medium and smaller blooms. Overlap flowers as you go and alternate colours.

## 2 | *winning wallpaper*


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**HOW-TO**

**An easy decorating pick-me-up, this wallpaper project is a fun and inexpensive way to use leftover pieces.**

- Cut wallpaper remnants to fit seat and backrest of chair.
- Apply wallpaper to chair surfaces following découpage basics.

**WALLPAPER** Manchu in Turquoise, through designers, Tessuti Uno 800-266-4788.

## 3 | *botanical beauty*


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**HOW-TO**

**Inspired by vintage prints, this look has a fresh, summery feel.**

- Photocopy print (look in library books) at different sizes; for example, 50%, 75%, 100%, 200% and 400%.
- Following découpage basics, cover chair with one complete version of botanical copied at 100%, then cut and add smaller and larger sections to cover surface.

**BOTANICAL PRINT** sundayantiquemarket.com.

**TIP** Try wrapping paper, scrapbooking paper, old letters, maps, or pages from damaged books that are made from thin paper – they'll be easy to work with.

# CHEAP tricks

PRODUCER SARA CATION

We challenged some of Canada's top designers to share how they achieve the luxe look for less than $100. Here are their fave tips.




**LIGHTING LIFT** "A chic way to save money while looking for your dream dining light fixture is to install a 3' wide Chinese paper lantern. The white globe looks fantastic, plus it glows softly when lit to create a wonderful atmosphere for dining."

COLLEEN MCGILL, MCGILL DESIGN GROUP
MCGILLDESIGN.CA




**mix it up** Layering pattern and colour is right on trend. An easy way to achieve that is to toss a new colour into your room with a few bright, bold throw cushions.

DAVID OVERHOLT, DAVID OVERHOLT INTERIOR DESIGN 416-944-0358

"I love the look and feel of wool draperies, but good wool can be expensive. **Visit dressmaker supply shops for men's suiting** at a fraction of the cost of designer fabrics." KIMBERLEY SELDON, KIMBERLEY SELDON DESIGN GROUP KIMBERLEYSELDON.COM

**Check out high-end stores for inspiration,** then hit shops like IKEA, West Elm and Pottery Barn for fun accessories. The lower the price point, the bolder you can be with trends!

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Here's what I think you can do with $100: **spend $70 on flowers and $30 on vodka and have a party!** That will perk up a room!"

SCOTT YETMAN, SCOTT YETMAN DESIGN SCOTTYETMAN.COM




## DIY ART

Hang a series of images – like cards, kids' art, wallpaper or fabric swatches – in frames from IKEA or West Elm. Go sleek with same-size chrome frames, or eclectic with a variety of frame colours, shapes and sizes.

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## switch up your room

A cost-free perk-up is to rearrange what you already have. Stand in the doorway and take a picture, so you can see where there are voids, then remove everything and start from scratch. Once you determine the focal point – a fireplace, a nice view, artwork anchored by a piece of furniture – build out the room from there.

SLOAN MAURAN, SLOAN MAURAN INTERIOR DESIGN SLOAN-MAURANINTERIORDESIGN.COM

**free**

**in bloom** Make a sculptural centrepiece inspired by Japanese cherry blossoms. Remove the bark from an interesting branch and remove the buds from a silk flower or two. Glue the buds onto the branch in an organic pattern for an arrangement that will last seasons.

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"Create some va-va-va-voom with **vintage paper with character** (unexpected colours with a strong pattern), purchased at a specialty wallpaper shop. Apply it on the ceiling instead of the walls. The subtle shimmer of silver leaf will lift a room, giving it a smart, sophisticated look."

SASHA JOSIPOVICZ, STUDIO PYRAMID STUDIOPYRAMID.COM

## WINDOW DRESSING

Here's a cool idea for a bathroom window treatment: paint a lattice panel and stretch a bolt of fabric behind it. Whether the cloth is from the sale bin or an inexpensive sarong, it's a beautiful effect.

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**STANLEY** **Barbara's Way**



## Barbara's mission is to encourage more women to tackle household projects – and save money.

For more than 15 years Barbara Kavovit has been earning praises in New York's construction industry. She owned and operated a construction company and now provides helpful do-it-yourself advice in magazines, on numerous television programs, online, and through her many books. Barbara's mission is to encourage more women to tackle household projects on their own - and to save money.

To help women be more comfortable in the DIY world, she created the *Barbara's Way* line of high quality, ergonomically designed tools expressly for women.

The Barbara's Way line (by Stanley) includes frequently used items like a stud finder and the ever-popular multi-tip screwdriver, to everyday items like scissors and staplers. All of her tools cater to a woman's hand size and strength, as well as appealing to her sense of style.

Every product comes with how-to tips that describe, in simple terms, the proper use of the tool and how to achieve consistent and successful results. The tips are almost as useful as the tool itself!

Best of all, you don't have to hunt through hardware stores to find what you need. Barbara's Way practically comes to you. The widest selection of Barbara's Way tools is right around the corner at your local Walmart store.

As any DIY'er knows, the first step is to have the right tools on hand. Barbara's Way is all you really need.



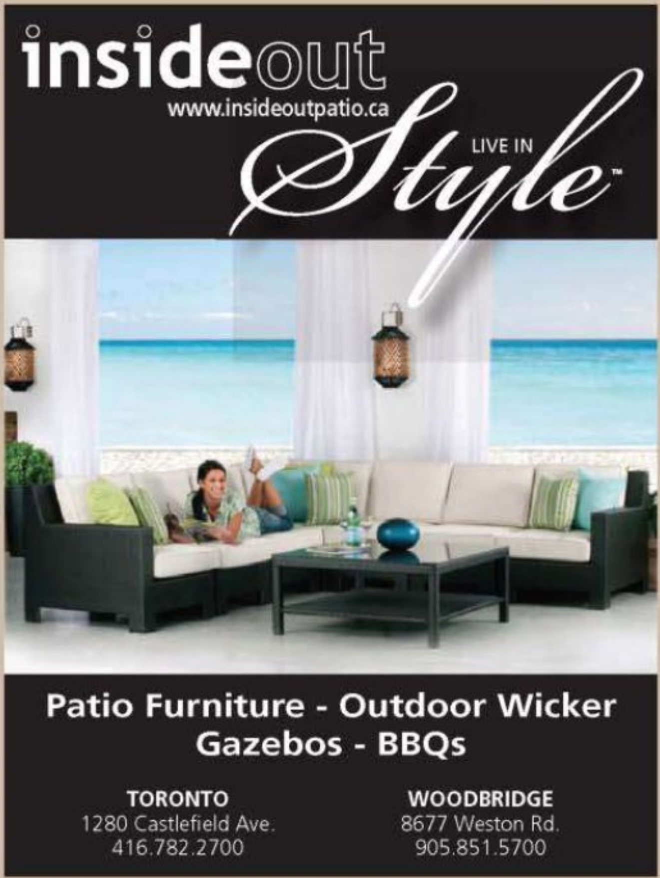
Barbara's Way
Multi Bit Screwdriver

## Featured Products

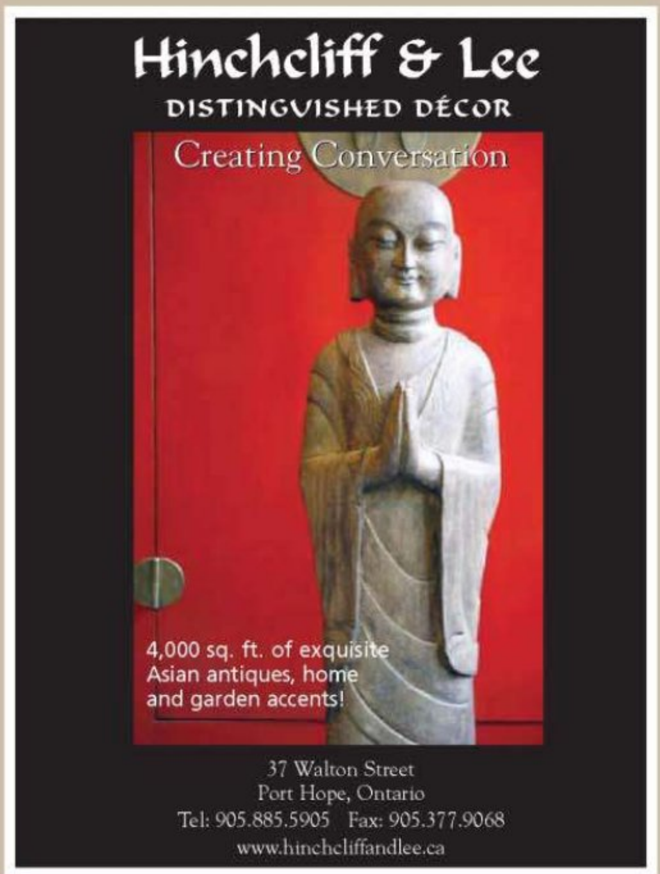
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**cool contrast** Add elegant contrast to a room by painting the trim in a dark semigloss finish and the walls and ceiling in a white pearl finish. The sheen on the ceiling reflects your lighting, while the baseboards ground the room from the airy white ceiling and walls. It's a young, sexy, modern look.

TIMOTHY MATHER, TM DESIGN TMDESIGNLTD.COM

## CRAVING COLOUR AMID NEUTRALS?

Visit your local art store for a prestretched 3′ x 5′ canvas. Apply three coats of a bright, bold interior latex paint; finish with a highgloss varnish. The result is a beautiful block of colour that lends a gallery feeling to a room. The colour possibilities are endless, and the commitment level low.

KERRY JOHNSON + IAN MCLEOD, JOHNSON MCLEOD DESIGN CONSULTANTS JOHNSONMCLEOD.COM

"Make a bland room bold by **painting stripes on the walls** – vertical for low ceilings, horizontal for high."

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# THE FAMILY THAT plays together

**the space** A dark, uninviting walkout basement in the home of empty nesters Siham and Maged Kodsi.

**the challenges** To meet multiple needs: Mom Siham wants a casual space for friends and family to gather; dad Maged would like a studio to pursue his painting, plus easy access to the backyard; and kids Tim and Alicia need a place to read, watch TV and play games when they visit from university.

**the result** A cosy room with a lakeside palette, where everyone can hang out, even when doing their own thing.

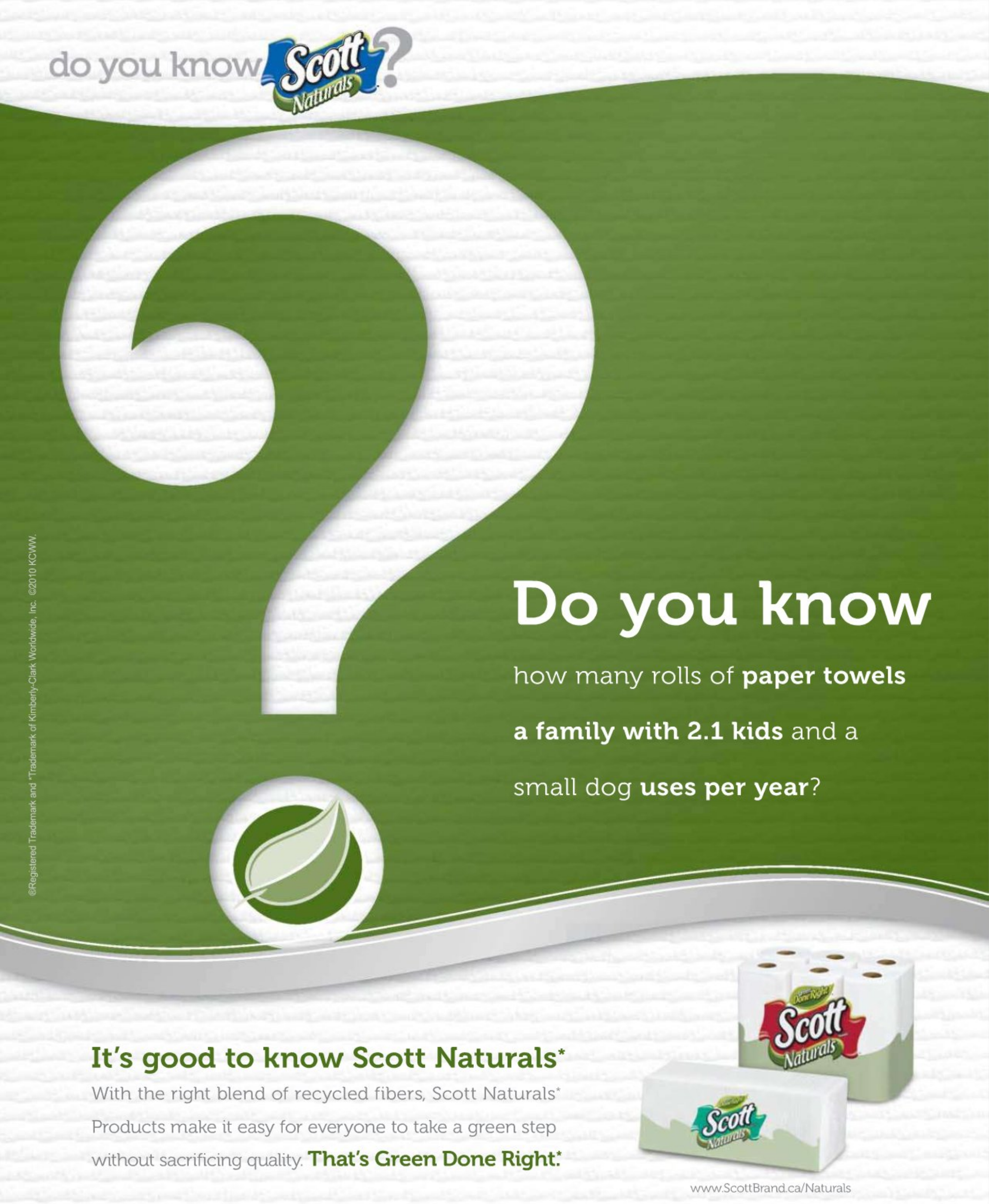
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**LIGHTENED UP**
The basement of the Kodsis' house in west Toronto has lots of windows, and since their backyard cosies up to Lake Ontario, I chose coastal colours: creamy white, soft blues, muted greens. Painting the stucco and brick made a big difference without big expense.

**PAINT** Woodlawn Blue HC-147 (stucco), Seapearl OC-19 (brick) benjaminmoore.ca. **TILES** olympiatile.com. **WINDOW TREATMENT** hunterdouglas.ca. **CHAIR** The Elegant Garage Sale 416-322-9744. **LAMP, CLOCK** stacaro.com. **TV** samsung.ca. **SPHERES** camie.ca. **BENCH, BASKET** constantineinteriors.com. **CANDLEHOLDERS** cornerstonefurniture.ca. **ARTWORK** all artinteriors.ca. →

**BEFORE PHOTOGRAPHY** JOHN QUEENAN. **STYLING** MALCOLM PATTERSON & JULIA BLACK

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### MIX & MATCH

The *Pure Design* team loves a "style for less" challenge. To create many different areas – for conversation, playing chess, pursuing other hobbies – we worked with furniture the Kodsis already had and mixed in some new pieces. An antique drafting table was perfect for Maged's ultimate artist retreat.

**DRAFTING TABLE** filterstock.com.
**HURRICANE** constantineinteriors.com.

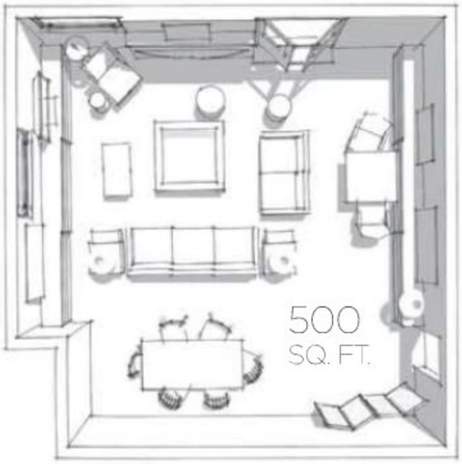
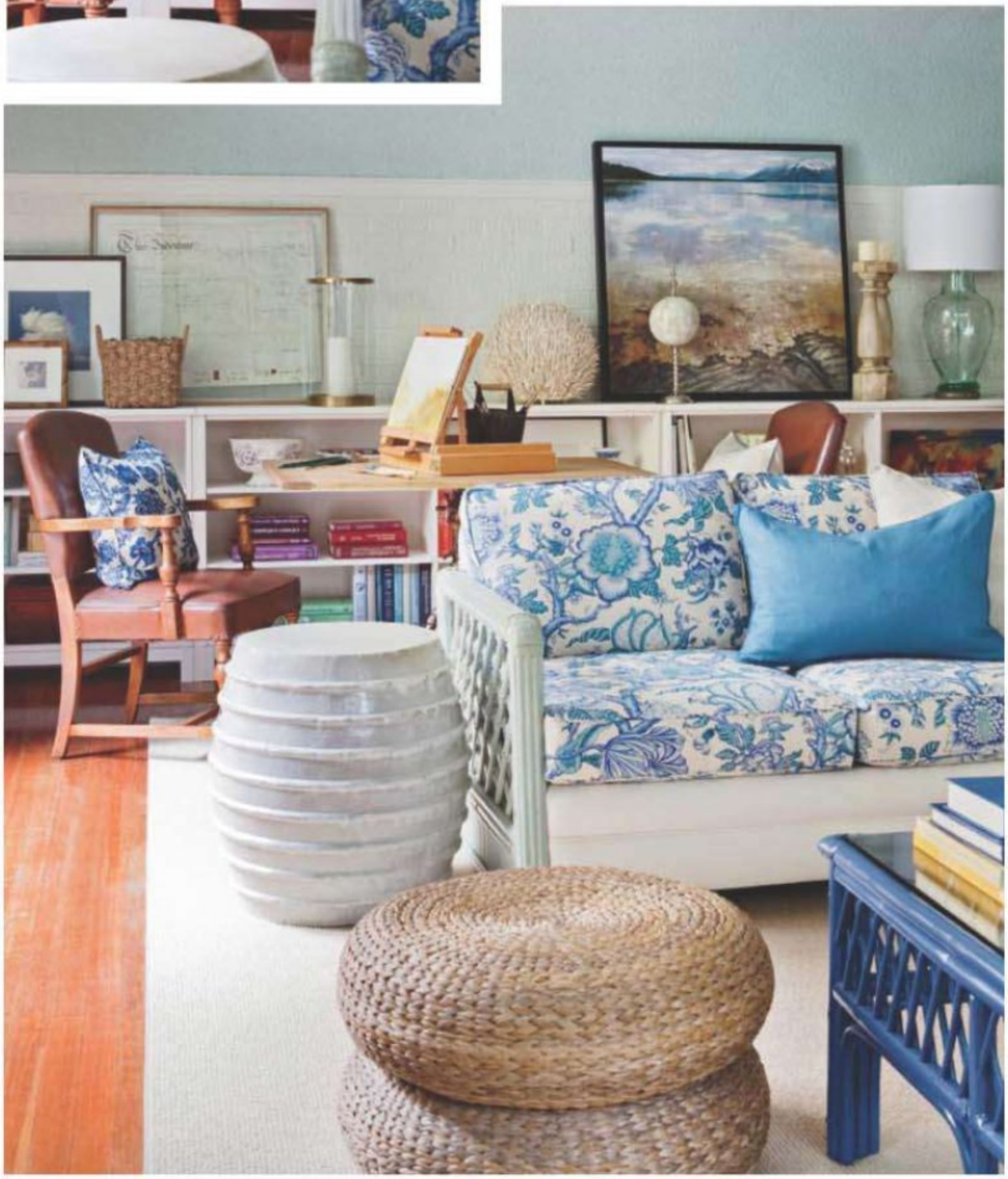



ILLUSTRATION SCOTT ROGERS



### UNIFY WITH FABRIC

The soft palette makes the space feel less like a basement and more like a charming cottage. Variations of blue-and-white floral fabric tie it together. Flowering Tree in Skipper is the bridging fabric – it links the neutrals that Siham likes with the blues that Alicia likes.

**SOFA, POUFFE** ikea.ca. **STOOL** homesense.ca.
**LAMP** advancehotelliquidators.com. →

## THE PALETTE



**COFFEE TABLE, DINING CHAIRS**
Kensington Blue
CC-780
benjaminmoore.ca



**WALLS**
Woodlawn Blue
HC-147
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**FABRIC**
Flowering Tree
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## SAM'S ECO PICKS

**save-and-splurge solutions**
Look for deals on Craigslist and in local thrift shops. Use the money you save to invest in a quick fix. For example, stylist Julia Black spotted the striped wing chair at a secondhand shop. After a professional cleaning, it looked like new. Source cleaners who specialize in green cleaning and fabric protectors.

**wicker refresh**
Don't send tired-looking wicker to the landfill. Paint can completely rejuvenate it. Working outdoors, clean the surface with a wire brush. Apply a coat of Zinsser Bulls Eye 1-2-3 Primer so paint will adhere. Paint by hand or use a low-VOC spray paint (you'll get better coverage faster). If you want a hard-as-nails finish, spray with highgloss latex.

**natural accents**
The banana leaf stools and baskets add texture and play up the natural seaside vibe. Banana leaf is a rapidly renewing resource available in many countries around the world. @

**SECONDHAND SPRUCE-UPS**
I'm a big believer in preloved pieces. We found eight Windsor chairs on Craigslist and had them professionally spray-painted with blue lacquer to match the coffee table, a Value Village score. Arranged around the dining/games table, they look like they've always belonged in the room. We filled the shelves with a mix of family treasures, books, artwork and a few rustic cottage collectibles.

**COFFEE TABLE** valuevillage.ca. **LACQUER** (coffee table, chairs) Pro Glo Paints 416-462-9300. **GLASS TABLETOP** Gerrard Glass 416-924-0785. **WOVEN TRAY, BROWN-AND-BLUE CUSHION** constantineinteriors.com. **LAMP BASE** stacaro.com. **LAMPSHADE** aristocrat.ca. **BOOKCASE, DINING TABLE** ikea.ca. **UPHOLSTERY CLEANING** fiberprotect.com. **RUG** Godfrey Hurst Brookhaven in Golden Fleece carpetone.com.

SAMANTHA PYNN, HOST OF HGTV'S *PURE DESIGN* + *STYLE AT HOME* CONTRIBUTING DESIGN EDITOR

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# which is HIGH or LOW?



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Turn the page to check out what makes these grand garden rooms high or low, and find out if you're right!

**PRODUCER** MARGOT AUSTIN | **PHOTOGRAPHY** MARK BURSTYN



# "I VISITED 34 SHOPS TO FIND THE ITEMS IN THESE ROOMS!"

MARGOT AUSTIN, S@H SENIOR DESIGN EDITOR





## high $9,937

**TABLE** Coastal Living 48" round pedestal in Sand Dollar $2,479 deboers.com. **CHAIRS** Kubu rattan with cotton seat cushion $750 each fresh.ca. **TOSS CUSHION** Jazzy 22" square green-and-white linen $450, **TEMPLE JAR** (with flowers) antique earthenware lidded $288 1212decor.com. **BOWLS** (from left) porcelain Printworks $14, River Delta $14, Atom Art $10 anthropologie.com. **GARDEN STOOL** vintage ceramic $795 angusandcompany.ca. **ARTWORK** Fork-Tailed Flycatcher (left) and Pipiry Flycatcher framed giclée prints 24" x 30" $435 each picreativeart.com. **LANTERN** Dorchester brass three-light in English Bronze 11¼" x 21" $719 greatlighting.com. **TILES** Anatolia polished Bianco marble 12" square $6.49 per sq. ft., and polished Absolut Nero granite 12" square $7.99 per sq. ft. homedepot.ca. **BOOKS** $310 chapters.indigo.ca; amazon.ca.

## low $3,109

**TABLE** Liatorp 44" round pedestal in white $400 (includes extension leaf, not shown) ikea.ca. **CHAIRS** Kubu rattan $320 each baconbasket.com. **SEAT CUSHIONS** Hejka cotton $20 each ikea.ca. **TOSS CUSHION** Custom 22" square in China Seas Aga Reverse linen in Pistachio Green on Tint $220 The Sewing Studio by Gail Leger 416-461-6683. **TEMPLE JAR** (with flowers) ceramic lidded $50; **BOWLS** (from right) $4, $3, $1; **GARDEN STOOL** $50; Tap Phong Trading Company 416-977-6364. **ARTWORK** Fork-Tailed Flycatcher (right) and Pipiry Flycatcher framed posters 24" x 30" $223 each picreativeart.com. **LANTERN** Ellijay aluminum four-light in English Bronze 12" x 20¾" $219 greatlighting.com. **TILES** ceramic 12" square in white $1.99 per sq. ft., and black $2.39 per sq. ft. homedepot.ca. **BOOKS** $170 homesense.ca.

## HIGH-LOW METER

**Rattan chairs** are synonymous with relaxed living. This greyish colour is the latest trend and is the natural colour of the kubu fibre.

### HIGHEST | $1,194



Looks like natural kubu but is weather-resistant synthetic, so it can be used indoors and out (includes seat cushion). gloster.com

### HIGH | $750



Natural kubu rattan. The graceful curve of the skirt is a nice finishing detail (includes seat cushion). fresh.ca

### LOW | $320



Natural kubu rattan. Concave skirt makes it comfortable to tuck your legs back when you sit. baconbasket.com

### LOWEST | $99



The look isn't quite the same as the others, but the colour is right, and the chairs are stackable. Byholma ikea.ca →

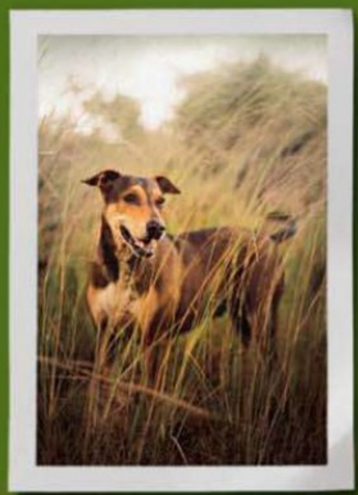
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# DETAILS, DETAILS

Ever wonder what makes an item high or low? It's all in the details!



HIGH I **$435**

**GICLÉE ON WATERCOLOUR PAPER $168**
**FRAMING $267**



LOW I **$223**

**POSTER $36**
**FRAMING $187**

## PRINT **PRICE POINTS**

These prints look identical, so why the big price spread? The more expensive version is printed using archival inks, paper, matting and backing, which prevent the image from fading and the paper from degrading. The custom wood frame includes a hinged mounting system, allowing the artwork to be removed. Plus, UV glass protects the piece from yellowing. The less expensive version is a poster that's printed, matted and backed using regular paper, which has acid in it and will degrade over time. A wet-mounting system is used – meaning the piece can't be removed from its MDF frame. picreativeart.com



## LANTERN LOVE

**"While hunting for lanterns, I discovered this 19th-century Paris street lantern. Swoon!"**

MARGOT AUSTIN,
S@H SENIOR DESIGN EDITOR

**LANTERN** refurbished $2,800,
**WIRED INSERT** (not shown)
$250 507antiques.com.

## THE LOOK
## HOW LOW CAN YOU GO?



**"I found this cushion on etsy.com. It's only $31 US, but I couldn't get it in time for the photo shoot deadline. It's smaller than the ones I used, but very pretty."**

MARGOT AUSTIN, S@H SENIOR DESIGN EDITOR

**CUSHION** 18" square cotton cover $23 US, fibre insert $8 US milkandcookies.ca.

## pretty pottery

The market is flooded with gorgeous blue-and-white pottery in many lovely shapes and patterns. Keep the following things in mind when deciding if the price is right for you.

- age
- method of design (for example, is it hand-painted?)
- scale
- quality and appeal of the design
- range of colours
- material (is it porcelain?)

HIGH I **$288**
Antique earthenware 17¼"
1212decor.com



LOW I **$50**
Ceramic 17" Tap Phong Trading Company 416-977-6364



## TABLE TALK

Two similar tables, two vastly different prices. Here's why.



HIGH I **$2,479**
deboers.com

- Maple and select hardwoods; available in 14 finishes.
- Doesn't include an extension leaf.
- Seats six.
- Several coordinating pieces available, such as chairs and cabinets.

LOW I **$400**
ikea.ca

- Birch and fibreboard; available in white.
- Includes an extension leaf, which can be stored under the tabletop.
- Seats four without leaf, six with leaf (which makes table an oval shape).
- Several coordinating pieces available, such as chairs and cabinets. @



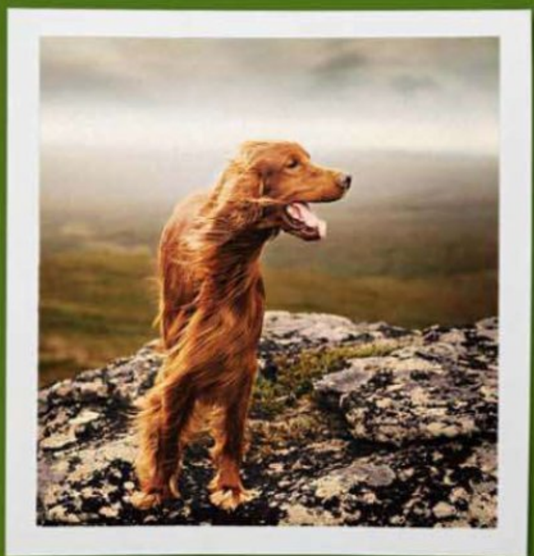
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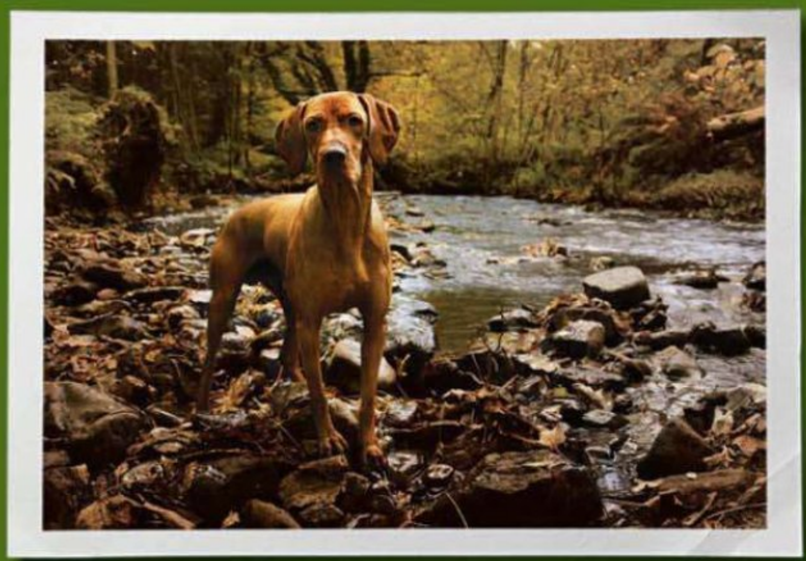


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# room to improve

Contributing decorating editor Kimberley Seldon brings curb appeal to a *Style at Home* reader's recent rebuild




**the problem** Marilynn Danbrook has every reason to be proud of the Blackville, N.B., home she rebuilt with her father's help. What started as a rundown 14' x 72' trailer is now a pleasant home that just needs a little help with the finishing touches.



**the fix** The yellow siding is such a cheerful colour. Says Kimberley, "If Marilynn is game for a little more hard work, we can add new warmth and curb appeal to her charming family home."

### 1 | INSTALL BROWN SHUTTERS

According to Kimberley, shutters lend much-needed visual weight to the home's exterior. "Consider existing tones when choosing a colour for shutters," she says. "In this case, the butter yellow siding, fresh white window casing and dark roof are complemented by warm brown shutters." Davenport Tan HC-76 by Benjamin Moore would be ideal.

### 2 | PERK UP THE PORCH

"Nothing says 'welcome home' like an inviting porch," says Kimberley. An open pergola and more substantial deck create a gracious setting for the front door, which pops in Benjamin Moore's Covered Bridge CC-126. A deep brown stain for the decking matches the shutters, while painting the stair risers white ties them to the window trim.

### 3 | UNLEASH A GREEN THUMB

"There are few pleasures in life as rewarding as nurturing a garden," Kimberley says. Placing larger plantings around the base of the home hides the foundation and softens the architecture. Tailored boxwood keeps the area contained and can provide a lovely backdrop for colourful annuals and perennials. @

**SHUTTERS**
Davenport Tan HC-76
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**FRONT DOOR**
Covered Bridge CC-126
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KIMBERLEY SELDON,
*STYLE AT HOME* CONTRIBUTING DECORATING EDITOR

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# ART, YOUR WAY

Art doesn't have to cost a pretty penny. What's more important is enjoying and displaying it with confidence. We visited the home of art collector Lisa Diamond to see how it's done

**WORDS** DENISE BARNARD | **PRODUCER** CHRISTINE HANLON | **PHOTOGRAPHY** MICHAEL GRAYDON



## 1 | GO BIG IN A SMALL SPACE

**WHO** Lisa Diamond, co-owner of Art Interiors, Toronto

**IN BUSINESS** Since 1993

**ART INTERIORS' SPECIALTY** Affordable original Canadian artwork

**GOAL** To educate neophyte buyers about original art

**HER STYLE AT HOME** An eclectic, colourful mix of modern and traditional elements

**1** "A large piece can look great in a small area," says Lisa. This silkscreen originally hung in the kitchen of her childhood home. She swapped the original frame for a silver one to give the piece new life.

**WHY THIS WORKS** The bold, colourful image lends depth and energy.

**TIP** Choose a frame that works with the art, not with the space it's destined for.

**ARTWORK** *Yellow and Pink Stripe* by Jack Joel. All pieces, except in the kitchen, artinteriors.ca. →



## 2 | DON'T BE AFRAID OF FIGURATIVE ART



## 3 | HANG AT EYE OR SEATING LEVEL TO CREATE INTIMACY




## 4 | STRIKE A BALANCE

**2** "Many of my clients think a figurative piece (with a human figure) should be reserved for a bedroom, but you don't have to put a still life with fruit in a room in which you'd eat fruit, so the same is true here," says Lisa, who hung this piece in her dining area.

**WHY THIS WORKS** It's dramatic and adds an edge.

**TIP** Anchor art with a few well-chosen accessories.

**ARTWORK** *Jean* by Anna Yuschuk.

**3** The secret to creating an intimate feel? "Hanging pieces at eye or sitting level," says Lisa. Further down on the same wall is a framed piece that's part of its own vignette.

**WHY THIS WORKS** This trio packs a punch. Despite the mostly dark palette, the paintings don't feel heavy, thanks to a mix of positive and negative space (the space around an image). Plus, they're all unframed, which is less formal.

**TIP** Hang framed and unframed work on the same wall for a modern, eclectic feel.

**ARTWORK** (from far left) *Still Life with Cherries* by Nancy Kembry; *Ochre Cloud* by Richard Herman; *Peony Blue 1* and *Peony Blue 2* by Madeleine Lamont.

**4** Lisa topped her living room bookshelf with a restful photo and simple objects for balance.

**WHY THIS WORKS** The photo has lots of white space around the image, and a white mat and frame, which is visually soothing.

**TIP** Matting in shades of white is easier to live with than colour.

**ARTWORK** *Piled Receipts* by Tek Yang. →


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## 5 | PUT IT WHERE YOU'LL SEE IT



## 6 | ADD SPECIAL TOUCHES



## 7 | FOCUS ON THE DETAILS

**5** Most people hang art over the toilet, but Lisa says the most important wall is the one you see when you enter a room.

**WHY THIS WORKS** The black-and-white litho is spare and minimal.

**TIP** Switch up art when you get bored with it. This piece used to be in the master bedroom; it has new life here, says Lisa.

**ARTWORK** *Choir* by Vadim Brodsky.

**6** For kids' rooms, Lisa likes fun, vibrant and inspirational subjects. She adds pieces to honour occasions, such as the oil painting of a cake, which she bought for her daughter's first birthday.

**WHY THIS WORKS** The art is fun, with whimsical motifs and pretty colours. "There's nothing babyish or childlike," says Lisa. "These pieces could work in any room."

**TIP** Offset a grouping over the bed wall to form a vignette with other furniture in the room.

**ARTWORK** (clockwise from top) *Woman's Mule* and *Chinese Bags with Butterfly* by Susan Fothergill; *Birthday* by Peter Harris; *Gold on Blue, Gold on Green* by Emily Bickell.

**7** "Small walls can mean vertical groupings, or miniature works that you can look at up close to see the fine detail," says Lisa.

**WHY THIS WORKS** These two small colourful abstracts energize what would otherwise be dead space. The encaustic and modern containers on the chest form a third piece of art and anchor the vignette.

**TIP** Consider the wall size and furniture weight when choosing art. It should feel balanced to your eye.

**ARTWORK** (from top) *Swiss Cross 1/4* and *Swiss Cross 2/4* by Lori Bellissimo; *Nourish* by Natalie Walberger. →



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## 8 | EDIT ARRANGEMENTS

**8** Be selective about what you add to a vignette. "You don't want a contrived or cluttered look," says Lisa.

**WHY THIS WORKS** The composition has balance, rich colour and texture. A few books and a bowl add height, the plant texture. Leaning artwork keeps the vignette casual. The canvas hanging above lifts the eye upward.

**TIP** "Mix different textures and elements to create an interesting look," says Lisa.

**ARTWORK** (clockwise from top) *Two Hounds* by Andy MacLean, *Blondie* by J.T. Winik, *Persimmons* by Drew Klassen. @


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# homes & gardens



**ROOM TO RELAX** Putting on a 400 sq. ft. addition really made our home work for us. We upped the style quota of this space with 12′ ceilings, heated concrete floors and oversize industrial windows and doors. Our house has a spaciousness and design worthiness it didn't have before. Our new space includes a hangout area, as well as this airy dining room brightened with colourful accessories and art.

save
**wooden tabletop $10, industrial base $150**

save
**IKEA Parsons dining chair $50 from "as is" section**

**WORDS** EMILY NORRIS | **PHOTOGRAPHY** STACEY BRANDFORD

# family friendly

Emily Norris's budget smarts create the perfect home for her family of five

**splurge**
**steel windows + doors (but still about 70% off the regular price!)**

Not so long ago, I was a hardcore designophile. Single, renting and working for a decorating magazine, I was carefree with my spending, which was mostly on furniture, artwork, clothes and entertainment. Back then I switched up my interior regularly, and was consistently "on trend." Then I got married, bought a house, had kids, switched careers, and my priorities changed. I'm still passionate about design, and our home feels current, but for me it's no longer about trends – it's about what works for our busy family of five, as well as our budget.

I'm not afraid to admit that when we found our house in east-end Toronto, it was a bit of a dump. The price tag reflected that. In the same family for more



**save**
**concrete floors about $5 per sq. ft.**

**AT HOME** Designer and realtor Emily Norris in the new addition.

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**WE ARE FAMILY** Emily Norris in the new addition with her husband, Justin Harrington, and their children Ruby (on sofa), Eloise and Michael.

than 40 years, the house hadn't been neglected as much as style-sabotaged. Think '50s mobster meets '70s tackiness. There were many different floorings, bad room configurations, lots of wood panelling, wrought-iron banisters, and cheap fixtures and finishes, to name a few deficiencies.

The good news is that my husband, Justin Harrington, and I (along with our then-toddler, Ruby, who's now five years old, and second daughter, Eloise, who's three) had the energy to tackle the house. We took the main floor down to the studs to create an open-concept living/dining room and introduced a brand-new kitchen, fireplace, flooring, windows and handrails.

Always on the lookout for a great sale, we were regulars at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore and on Craigslist. We also knew a lick of paint could bring most things back to life for little money. We splurged, too. (Well, I splurged. Justin looked the other way!) You can't beat beautiful marble countertops and tile, stylish bathroom fixtures and gutsy windows and doors. →

"I can't be too fussy about our house. If my kids want to jump on the sofa, I say go ahead. A house should be lived in, especially by children" EMILY NORRIS, OWNER

**CUSHIONS** HOMESENSE.CA



save
Roman blind leftover fabric $0

save
IKEA kitchen cabinets $8,000

splurge
Le Creuset cookware from $300

save
bargain basement vintage stools $5 each

**EASY UPGRADES** We love to cook! To personalize our simple yet functional white IKEA kitchen, we topped the counters with Carrara marble, installed a double farmhouse sink and added a glass mosaic backsplash in shades of green for a pop of colour. The island is for casual eating but also homework and crafts, with lots of space for cookbooks and kids' art supplies. I'm glad I decided to stack the cupboards, which store vases, extra dishes and linens.



splurge

**oversize original sketch + framing $2,000**

**SITTING PRETTY**
I found the cool teak chairs on Craigslist for about $50 and reupholstered them in a blue-and-taupe cotton floral.

save

**pair of side tables (as coffee table) $20**




**NO-FUSS TOUCHES** Since our living room is close to our entryway, I wanted to keep things simple. I went with white slipcovers for our garage-sale sofa, topped with brown seat cushions, since they soil so quickly. Two outdoor glass tables make our coffee table. They're visually light and airy, and I didn't have to paint them! →

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**WALL OF ART** We replaced the original wrought-iron banister with wooden balusters from our local Habitat for Humanity ReStore for about $50 total. We also carved out cubbies under the stairs to store boots, coats and bags. We faced them with simple doors that open on touch locks. Pieces by my kids, who are so proud to point out their work to family and friends, hang on the wall.

Sure, we saved a lot on some things, but others were worth more money because they'll never go out of style, they're a pleasure to look at and use every day, and they'll retain their value when we decide to sell.

That first renovation carried us through the next few years well, but then came the news that our third child, Michael (now one year old), was on the way. Even though the living/dining room was open concept, we were undeniably cramped. We needed to move, or renovate – again. You might think that being a full-time realtor I'd choose moving. However, my third pregnancy wasn't a walk in the park, and with two other small kids, the choice was easy: slap on an addition instead.

Six months later, I can say that was the best decision we made. This new space is where we eat, hang out, play, listen to music and entertain. It has brightened up the main floor, and the windows and doors are a stunning focal point. But it did take a toll both on our budget and our stress levels, so it's probably our last reno for a long time. Well...maybe!




**WALLPAPER INSPIRATION** I wanted our daughters' room to be a happy place. I sourced the oversize floral wallpaper online. Their beds are cosy, and the black frames look chic. With neutral-colour wallpaper and beds, hits of pink and purple aren't overwhelming.

## WHEN TO splurge & WHEN TO save

Homeowner and designer Emily Norris offers her top five tips.

**1 Beautiful windows and doors are a good way to spend your money.** I designed our addition around oversize industrial ones, which I bought at a discount because they'd been used in a marketing display. **2 Artwork personalizes a home,** but it doesn't have to cost a fortune. Buy anything that gives you an emotional reaction. **3 Every room needs an anchor** – something that catches your eye and keeps things interesting, such as a printed silk cushion, a classic crystal lamp or a refaced marble fireplace. **4 Floors can add huge value.** You can't beat hardwood, but inexpensive, good-quality laminates shouldn't be ignored – they're ideal if you have kids. **5 Pause before you impulse buy.** Do research online and chat with friends and family. Networking helped me source art, furniture and flooring for less than buying it at a big-box store. →



save

wallpapered headboard
$40 (including trim)

save

white IKEA bedding $50 per set

save

vintage side tables $30 each

**FRAME IT** The wallpapered headboard Justin and I built from leftover moulding provided a way for me to use a roll of Brunschwig & Fils wallpaper picked up for $10 at a sample sale. It creates a bold focal point in an otherwise simple room. I found the side tables at Frontier Sales, one of my favourite used-furniture stores in the neighbourhood. I love layering rugs to add interest, plus they feel great underfoot, especially in a bedroom.



splurge
Louis-style chair restoration $400

**MAKE A STATEMENT** This Louis-style chair was falling apart when I saw it in antique store window. I had it rebuilt, spray-painted, covered in leather and studded. The art wall is the usual mix of vintage pieces and original artwork.
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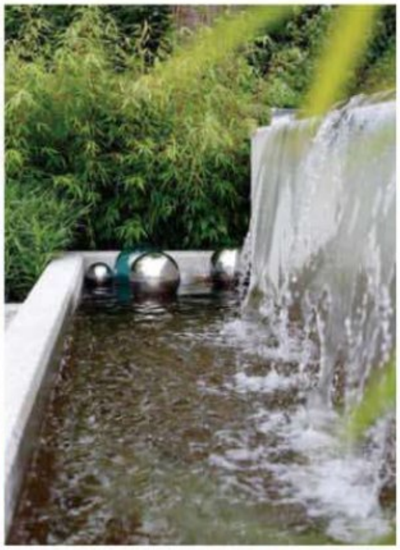
# A TALE OF two gardens

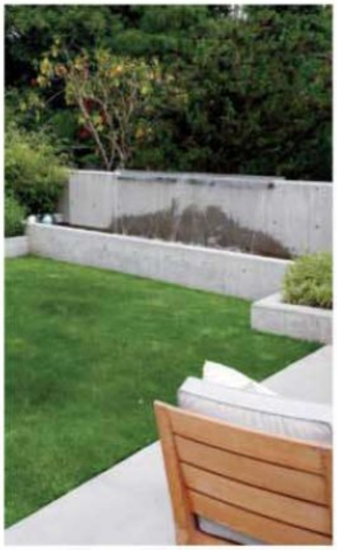
Rosie Daykin's front and back yards offer sun-drenched outdoor living and cool, shady respite

**WORDS** GILLIAN CUMMINGS | **PHOTOGRAPHY** JANIS NICOLAY

**GARDEN HAVEN** The Daykins seek out this secluded backyard oasis when peace is paramount, accessing it directly from the family room or by descending the stairs from the carport. Ferns and hostas thrive in the dappled light of the cedar canopy.











When Rosie Daykin entertains, her guests spill out from the house onto sunny terraces, dine to the sound of falling water, and retreat into a lush, hushed cedar grove. It was exactly this vision of seamless indoor-outdoor living that guided Rosie and husband Paul when they renovated a neglected rental property on a two-level lot in west-side Vancouver.

An interior designer who now runs the local gem Butter Baked Goods, Rosie instantly pictured the parched 50' x 40' front yard as an ideal extension of the house's living and dining areas. Only while renovating did she realize the integral value of the bramble-choked 80' x 60' backyard. "That yard is what the bedrooms overlook," she says. "It's all about the view." The house hugs a slope, so its main floor now opens to the bright front courtyard, and the lower floor is level with the backyard's dense foliage.

"It's one cohesive idea – house and garden," says Rosie, who continued her home's contemporary, uncluttered indoor aesthetic outside with poured concrete for the terraces, a water feature, and a 4' high wall that encloses the entire front garden. "It's like Palm Desert out front come summer," she says. "The backyard is silent and shady, a very different feel altogether." There, pea-gravel paths skirt sky-high cedars, and beds of shade-friendly perennials and shrubs create a private hideaway.

**OUTDOOR LIVING** Homeowner Rosie Daykin (above), an interior designer and owner of Vancouver's popular Butter Baked Goods, designed an alfresco dining area accessed through sliding doors.

**TOP OF THE MORNING** Rosie and husband Paul (top) enjoy breakfast on the 40' x 18' dining terrace, which runs the entire width of the house. Unlike most front yards, which are simply walked through on the way to the house, this courtyard works harder, serving the Daykin family as an April-to-September living space. On the left is the exit to the driveway; the gate is made of aluminum and sand-blasted glass.

**FALLING WATER** Rosie incorporated a 20' long water feature into the garden wall by designing a stainless steel trough from which water cascades in a wide sheet. Two varieties of leafy bamboo provide green accompaniment. The antique green fishing float bobbing among the gazing balls was a gift from her grandmother when Rosie was a child.

**GREEN CARPET** The quiet spread of grass adjacent to the terrace is a warm counterpoint to the concrete. "Visually the lines are similar, but texturally they contrast," says Rosie.

**SEATING AREA** One step down from the dining terrace is this outdoor sitting room, which is level with the lawn. Rosie balanced the coolness of the concrete with the warmth of teak furniture. →



"For me, the backyard was all about the various tones of green" ROSIE DAYKIN, OWNER









## INSIDE & OUT

Follow Rosie Daykin's guidelines to make your garden a thoughtful echo of your home.

**1 Continue the geometry.** Rosie's linear interior translates outside into crisp rectangular terraces, bold horizontal lines created by the wall, a low, wide stretch of cascading water, angled concrete planting beds, and long straight pathways.

**2 Extend the palette.** Myriad interior shades of grey on Rosie's walls, floors, tiles and fabrics reappear outdoors with grey furniture cushions, the grey cast to the concrete, and the silvery stainless steel capping the water feature.

**3 Repeat the materials.** The teak of Rosie's kitchen cupboards, and dining and family room built-ins shows up outside in the teak furniture. The stainless steel of the kitchen appliances appears again on the water feature.

**GLORIOUS GREENS** (opposite) Golden Japanese forest grass, backed by deep green *Choisya* (Mexican orange blossom), spills over the pavers just like the blue green hostas, with large verdant cedars commanding the background. Boxwood-filled urns may eventually have to relinquish their spot for an abstract garden sculpture, says Rosie.

**PEACEFUL PATHS** The Daykins are happy to putter in the garden beds, hand-watering and weeding, but to minimize maintenance, Rosie designed pea-gravel pathways lined with concrete pavers, and chose shade-tolerant hostas, ferns, magnolias and hydrangeas.

**COLOUR BORDER** Rosie thought she was planting white hydrangeas. The pink hydrangea macrophylla was an ordering error, but its summer blossoms provide a fresh accent to her daughter India's pink bedroom. The taller magnolias behind are spring bloomers.

**RESTING SPOT** A variety of shrubs with handsome foliage, like the aucuba plants that have claimed this bench as their own, ensure ground-level visual interest around every corner.

**PET PATROL** Bird is one of two family cats that regularly stroll the backyard paths and monitor their domain.
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# french twist

A globe-trotting Gallic couple infuse their Toronto home with sunny Côte Sud style and a medley of travel mementoes

**WORDS** CHRISTY WRIGHT | **PHOTOGRAPHY** STACEY BRANDFORD



**TABLE FOR TWO** For homeowners Laurent Papaix (left) and David Toto, this sunny spot between the kitchen and living room is the setting for enjoying weekend croissants and *cafés*. Laurent picked up the authentic marble-top bistro table at Les Puces de St-Ouen flea market near Paris for under $150. The antique loveseat has a quiet charm that's animated by the playful transparency of a Philippe Starck ghost chair. A simple IKEA cushion beautifully sets off the eclectic mix. →



**NOVEL APPROACH** The kitchen blackboard hangs above the niche of custom shelves housing French books. "They have to have white binding to be eligible for these shelves!" says Laurent. The vintage travel poster was a mere 5€ at a Provençal flea market.

**NOUVELLE CUISINE** Other than the original birch floors, everything in the kitchen is new. Notable items on the savings list include the Pottery Barn wine rack and the custom trolley. "We didn't have space for an island, so the trolley is a compromise," says Laurent. "Our carpenter used salvaged wood topped with acid-washed marble. We added industrial wheels so we can move it around with ease." The farm-style sink has a rustic edge that's tempered by the modern pendant light.



When Laurent Papaix and David Toto, originally from the south of France, decided to buy a house, they set their sights on The Beach area of Toronto. They were charmed by its ambience and loved its proximity to the waters of Lake Ontario. The setting also served as design inspiration. "We wanted a home with a relaxing quality and oceanlike feel, like on Île de Ré," says Laurent, referring to the island off the west coast of France. Though its sand dunes and salt marshes bear little resemblance to a big city, its rustic charm and light-bathed beauty were perfectly translated to the couple's bright, airy three-storey home.

But it wasn't smooth sailing. When Laurent and David bought the early 1900s house, it was cramped, with tiny rooms, dark hallways and doors separating each space. Nevertheless, the high ceilings – reminiscent of Parisian apartments – and the generous proportions of the main bath won them over. "We knew we could change the things we didn't like – the layout, flooring and colours – easily and on a budget," says Laurent.

They kept costs down by refinishing much of the existing flooring rather than replacing it, and added an attainable designer aesthetic throughout the space with an original finish: grey paint on trims and baseboards. "It's stylish and peaceful and creates just the right amount of contrast to the white," says Laurent.

Decorating expenses were also minimal, since Laurent and David relied on refinishing old furniture, do-it-yourself projects, inexpensive posters, family heirlooms and flea market finds as inspired furnishings. Keeping the budget buoyant also allowed for some splurges: hiring a contractor and carpenter, creating a jaw-dropping main bathroom and installing new windows and kitchen appliances.

After four months of renos and almost a year of decorating, the couple say their home is "like a nest in the city." Does it have that getaway feel of a beach house on Île de Ré? Laurent says, "The last time we went on vacation, a friend volunteered to house-sit for us. He said he couldn't wait to move into our place for a vacation of his own!" →



**STYLE FOR LESS** Butcher-block countertops were installed for less than $1,000.

**BALANCED BUDGET** High and low items mix effortlessly in the living room. The antique mirror over the mantel rang in at over $500, but is perfectly at home with the vintage trunk scooped up for under $100. The antique ivory elephant figurines belonged to Laurent's grandmother, who lived on Africa's Ivory Coast.

**ENSUITE ESCAPE** Next to the master bedroom, the third-floor sitting area is a welcoming retreat for reading and late-afternoon naps. Almost everything in this space fits the style-for-less bill, from the unadorned floors, IKEA cushions and antique globe to the rocking chair from The Bay and vintage wall sconces. The sofa, from the couple's former apartment in Paris, was covered in antique French colonial cotton that belonged to Laurent's grandmother.

**DINING FINERY** The birch floors, which had been stained chocolate brown, were restored to their original honey colour. Though the china cabinet comes from an east-end Toronto shop, its slatted sides and glass-front doors reminded Laurent of cabinets from the south of France. French luxury is layered into the mix with a linen table runner from Basque and dramatic dark grey silk-and-cotton drapes from Paris. The lustrous crystal chandelier was purchased on a trip to Savannah, Ga. →





## STYLE SAVINGS AROUND THE WORLD

Globetrotter and savvy shopper Laurent Papaix picks his top five style-for-less retail outposts.

**1 "Artefacts Salvage & Design** in St. Jacobs, Ont., has great salvaged wood items from old houses and churches. They also have gorgeous doors, windows and hardware." artefacts.ca

**2 "Jardin d'Ulysse** is a chain in France that carries charming furniture and accessories. It has a kind of girly feel that's generally not my style, but I like the linens." jardindulysse.com

**3 "Les Mille Feuilles,** in the Marais district of Paris, isn't cheap, but it's reasonable. They offer great art, sculpture, decorative items and lampshades." les-mille-feuilles.com

**4 "Les Puces de St-Ouen** is a huge flea market that takes place every weekend in a suburb of Paris. You can negotiate prices, which I love doing!" parispuces.com

**5 "Brissi,** in and around London, has lovely tablecloths, linens and a few big pieces of furniture that are similar to those found in the Parisian store Blanc d'Ivoire but that aren't nearly as expensive." brissi.co.uk



**STYLE FOR LESS** The table and chairs look like pricey French country antiques but are new pieces from Pottery Barn.

For peony arranging tips, see **WORKBOOK P 174**




**STYLE FOR LESS** Wainscotting lends a finished feel and is a casual display surface for artwork.



"WE WANTED OUR HOUSE TO BE A VACATION HOME FOR FRIENDS VISITING FROM FRANCE – A SPACE AS FUN, COMFORTABLE AND STYLISH AS ANY HOTEL" LAURENT PAPAIX, OWNER

**STYLE FOR LESS** Instead of installing a backsplash, apply an invisible layer of latex varnish above a sink to protect wallpaper.



**CLEAN & SERENE** In the second-floor main bathroom, the pièce de résistance is the claw-foot tub, which was positioned on an angle for dramatic effect. "We spent a lot here because we felt it was important to be comfortable in the bathroom," says Laurent.

**COASTAL COOL** Crisp striped wallpaper and a new porthole-style window infuse the third-floor ensuite with a nautical feel. "We hate bathrooms with no windows," says Laurent. "Even though this window is custom-made, it was much cheaper than installing a skylight." The carpenter used salvaged wood to make the mirror frame and storage cabinet (glass knobs and black hinges add personality). The ladder was an inexpensive antique-store find.

**DELIGHTFUL DIY** Dark-colour shams punctuate the spot where a headboard would be (Laurent and David haven't found one they like yet). The bedside table was a HomeSense bargain; the DIY lamp was made with an at-home lighting kit – the base is an old Spanish bottle, and the shade is from Restoration Hardware. The bench was a big-ticket item, but Laurent gave it worn-in appeal by distressing it with a metal brush.

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# the power of PAINT



A fresh palette and fun flea market finds transform a small storehouse into a charming waterfront guest cabin

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**STYLING** NICOLA MARC




**BRIGHT & BOLD** Designer Kathy McAuley is a big believer in using paint liberally to spruce up dark, dated spaces. When using several shades of the same colour, ground them with a solid neutral, she says. Here, the various greens of the sofa, drapes and walls are tempered by the white table, chair and floors. →

## "COLOUR IS VERY SUBJECTIVE, SO I ALWAYS SAY FOLLOW YOUR OWN HEART WHEN IT COMES TO PAINT CHOICES"

KATHY MCAULEY, DESIGNER





**STYLE FOR LESS** Count on paint to refresh a heavy wood-panelled cottage on a budget. "I even painted the kitchen countertops," says designer Kathy McAuley.

Entering this delightful guest cabin, one of two near the main cottage on a Brome Lake property in eastern Quebec, is like walking into an ice cream parlour: a deliciously appealing palette is peppered with colourful accents like sprinkles on a sundae. "The cottage owners love vibrant colours," says designer Kathy McAuley of Knowlton, Que. "They picked fabrics and accessories they liked, and we placed them against a backdrop of pastel greens and blues." The owners are also fans of eclectic decorating, so furniture and fabrics were mixed in timeless flea market style. You won't find any matching sets here, yet a continuous palette throughout creates a cohesively cheerful living space.

**EASY FACELIFT** Give an old dining set new life. Before it got its makeover, "we called this the Fred Flintstone set because the tabletop looked like an ugly slab of bedrock," laughs Kathy. Thanks to ivory paint and a crackle treatment on the table base and chairs, the set now has a wonderfully weathered look.

**RETHINK WHAT YOU HAVE** Instead of replacing the cupboards, Kathy gave them architectural interest by adding panels that echo the lines of the ceiling, island and floorboards. "When painting floors, I use Sico Corrostop," she says. "Most people only use it for metal, but I've had great results on wood. It has a durable finish because there's polyurethane in it."



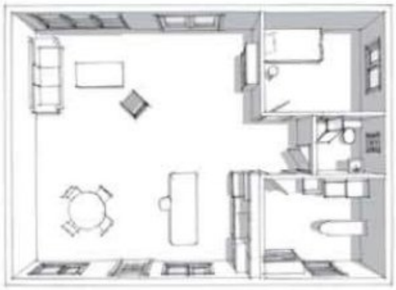
**ISLAND SPOTLIGHT** Punctuate a soft palette with a few bold accents. The deep orange pendant lamp was original to the cabin. Kathy was determined to keep it – it prevents the light-green-and-white kitchen from looking too airy, and gives the eye a place to rest. →

"NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF PAINT – IT'S AN INEXPENSIVE WAY TO TRANSFORM VIRTUALLY ANYTHING"

KATHY MCAULEY, DESIGNER



**STYLE FOR LESS** Shop flea markets for an old stool or small bench to use as a bedside table or perch for guest towels.



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**FLORALS & STRIPES** "It's easy to mix and match patterns when using vibrant colours," says Kathy. "You just have to think outside the box and go for it." The curtain fabrics, repeated throughout the cabin, are from a store that sells ends of lines.

**LIGHTEN UP** The aged pine tongue-and-groove panelling in the dark bathroom was painted a powder blue to make the room feel more spacious. Striped curtains pop against the walls. SEE WHERE TO FIND IT, PAGE 176



ILLUSTRATION SCOTT ROGERS



**BARN LIGHT** Gooseneck in red $295 dwr.com.



**CAFÉ BOWLS** $6 each anthropologie.com.



**VINTAGE WOOD CADDY** in Aqua $22, **MILK BOTTLE** in Aqua $7 Candym Enterprises 800-263-3551.

# SHABBY CHIC

Get the look of this cosy cabin makeover with a mix of save and splurge finds

**PRODUCER** ANN MARIE FAVOT



**TABLE** Newport Drop-Leaf in white $999 crateandbarrel.ca.



**THROW CUSHIONS** Hallo $20 each ikea.ca.




**SIGNS** Vintage Summer $6 each Candym Enterprises 800-263-3551.



**BAR STOOL** Coastal Living 5 O'Clock Somewhere in Wave Blue $599 deboers.com.



**COFFEE TABLE** Liatorp $350 ikea.ca.

## PAINT PICKS

Designer Kathy McAuley picks another blue and green for those who prefer softer, more muted shades.



**LIMESICKLE 2145-50**
benjaminmoore.ca

"Right now, my green of choice is Benjamin Moore Limesickle 2145-50. It's such a compatible shade that you can use it with almost any other colour and it doesn't clash. It's soft on the eyes and you won't tire of it quickly."



**LIGHT BLUE 22**
farrow-ball.com

"This is my favourite. It may appear to have grey undertones, but it really is a light blue – the look says 'lake house.' I've used it on an armoire and hardwood floors. For one project, I paired it with Benjamin Moore's White Chocolate OC-127 on walls and Farrow & Ball's All White 2005 on trim – in a word, stunning!"



Organize a grilling kit in a tray you can carry from the kitchen to barbecue. Refrigerate small wet hand towels and slices of lemon so guests can freshen up and combat sticky fingers.

# EASY gourmet grilling

Donna Hay's menu lifts the casual barbecue from simple to sophisticated

**PHOTOGRAPHY** CHRIS COURT | **STYLING** STEVE PEARCE



**STICKY PEPPERED VEAL CHOPS**
**+ CRUNCHY SUMMER SLAW** P 152

## summer potato and mint salad

1¾ lb (875 g) red-skinned potatoes, thinly sliced (about 7 cups/1.75 L)
olive oil, for brushing
1 red onion, sliced
1 cup (250 mL) mint leaves
1 bunch (7 oz/200 g) arugula, trimmed

*garlic dressing*
½ cup (125 mL) mayonnaise
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 tbsp (15 mL) white wine vinegar
sea salt and cracked black pepper

To make the garlic dressing, place the mayonnaise, garlic, vinegar, salt and pepper in a bowl and stir to combine. Set aside.

Heat a barbecue or grill pan over medium heat. Brush potatoes with oil and cook for 5-6 minutes on each side or until tender.

To serve, arrange potatoes, onion, mint and arugula on a serving plate and drizzle with garlic dressing. **SERVES 4**

## MAKE-AHEAD PLANNER

**DAY BEFORE**

Prepare dressings for both salads and refrigerate.

Freeze bananas for the dessert.

Clean barbecue.

Refrigerate small wet hand towels and fresh lemons for your guests.

**IN THE MORNING**

Prepare marinade for veal chops; coat and refrigerate.

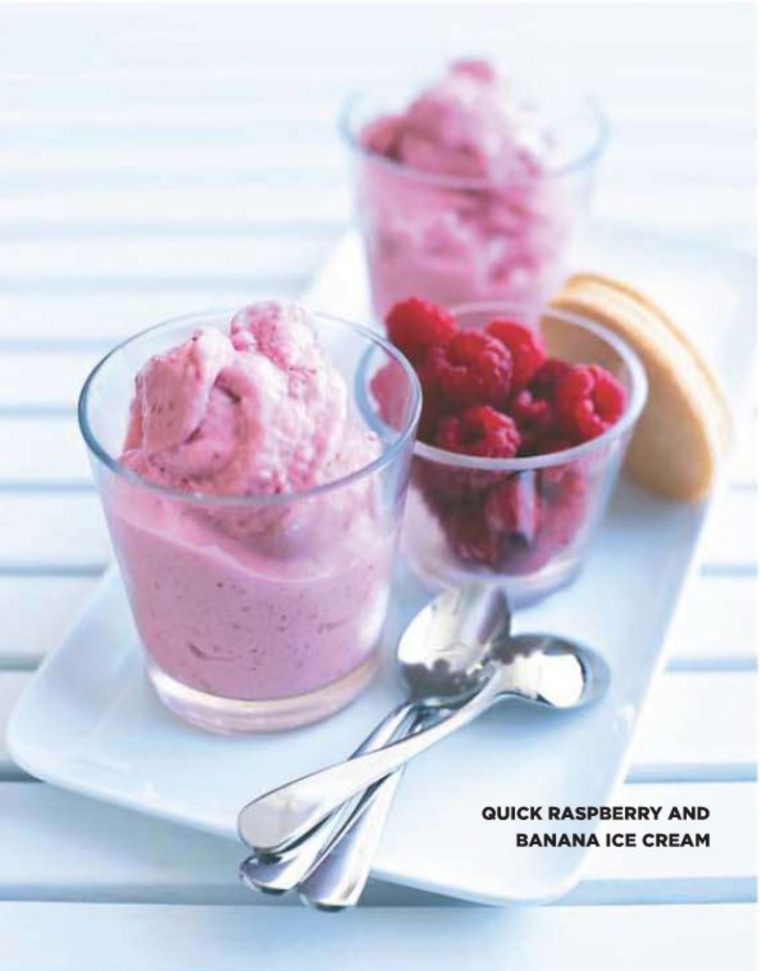
**BEFORE GUESTS ARRIVE**

Prepare vegetables for potato and mint salad.

Thinly slice vegetables for crunchy summer slaw and set aside. →



**RECIPES** JANE COLLINGS & CLARA LUBOFF



QUICK RASPBERRY AND BANANA ICE CREAM

## sticky peppered veal chops

½ cup (125 mL) soy sauce
⅓ cup (75 mL) brown sugar
2 tbsp (25 mL) vegetable oil
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 tsp (5 mL) cracked black pepper
4 bone-in veal rib chops, each about 7 oz (200 g)
lemon wedges, to serve

Combine the soy sauce, sugar, oil, garlic and pepper in a bowl. Add the veal and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Heat a grill pan or barbecue over high heat. Grill the veal for 4-5 minutes on each side for medium or until cooked to your liking. Serve with lemon wedges, if desired. **SERVES 4**

## crunchy summer slaw

7 oz (200 g) green beans, trimmed, blanched and thinly sliced
2 cucumbers, thinly sliced
¼ red cabbage, thinly sliced
2 stalks celery, thinly sliced
1 bunch chives, halved

*mustard dressing*
¼ cup (60 mL) red wine vinegar
1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
2 tsp (10 mL) seeded mustard
2 tsp (10 mL) superfine sugar
sea salt and cracked black pepper

To make the mustard dressing, place the vinegar, olive oil, mustard, sugar, salt and pepper in a bowl and stir to combine.

Place the green beans, cucumber, cabbage, celery and chives in a serving bowl. Pour mustard dressing over top and toss to combine. **SERVES 4** @

## quick raspberry and banana ice cream

2 cups (500 mL) frozen raspberries
2 bananas, chopped and frozen
1 cup (250 mL) vanilla pudding (from instant pudding mix)
fresh raspberries, to serve
store-bought cookies such as shortbread or amaretti, to serve

Place the raspberries, bananas and pudding in the bowl of a food processor and process until smooth. Serve immediately with fresh raspberries to garnish and cookies alongside. **SERVES 4**



DONNA HAY, FOOD EDITOR

**MY PHILOSOPHY**
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Donna Hay's fresh quickies for every night of the week



1 | **CORNMEAL-CRUSTED CHICKEN**

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**RECIPES** JUSTINE POOLE & STEVE PEARCE


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TUNA WRAP | 2



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FIVE-SPICE PORK | 4



5 | COCONUT RICE SALAD

## 1 | cornmeal-crusted chicken

Dust slices of chicken breast with flour, then dip into lightly beaten egg. Press into cornmeal seasoned with sea salt and cracked black pepper. Fry in a ¼" (1 cm) oil until golden and cooked through. Serve with steamed asparagus and greens.

## 2 | tuna wrap

Combine a can of drained tuna with ½ cup (125 mL) mayonnaise and 1-2 tsp (5-10 mL) wasabi paste. Spread over pita, flatbread or lavash. Top with arugula or baby spinach leaves and roll up to enclose.

## 3 | lemon + chili lamb

Combine 1 tbsp (15 mL) harissa (hot chili sauce) with 1 tsp (5 mL) lemon juice and a little olive oil. Pour over lamb cutlets or chops. Cook in a grill pan or barbecue until done to your liking. Serve with steamed green beans or a tossed salad.

## 4 | five-spice pork

Sprinkle pork tenderloin with sea salt and Chinese five-spice powder and brush with olive oil. Cook in a hot frying pan for 4-5 minutes per side or until cooked to your liking. Serve with green beans and a soy and chili dipping sauce.

## 5 | coconut rice salad

Combine ¼ cup (50 mL) coconut cream (look for it in Thai food stores), 1 tsp (5 mL) fish sauce and 1 chopped red chili. Toss with 2 cups (500 mL) cooked jasmine rice, 4 oz (125 g) blanched sliced snow peas and a handful of chopped coriander. Serve as a side dish for steamed fish. →

**ALL RECIPES SERVE 2**




# *Their day. Made by Mom.*

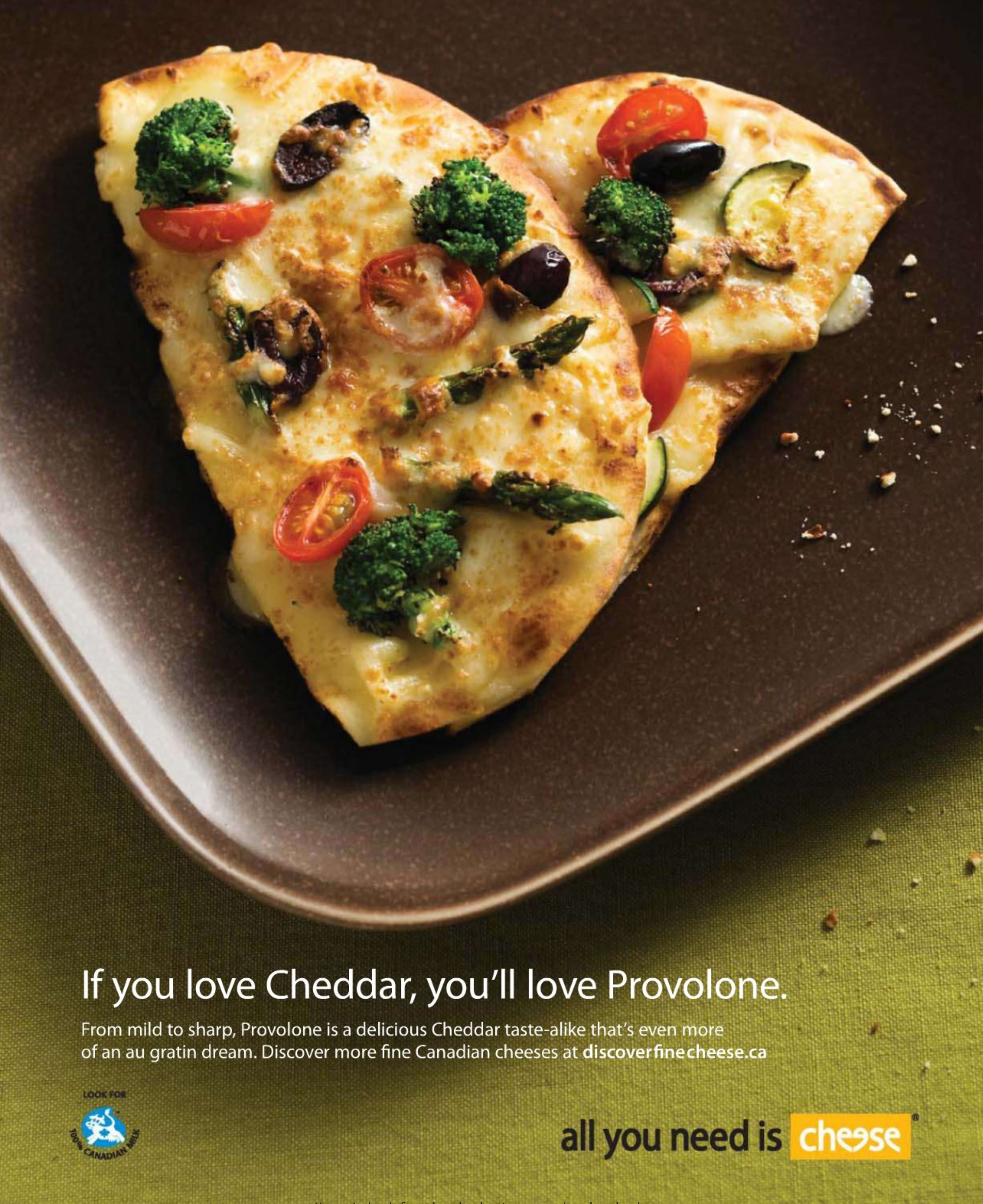
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# fast picks

Our in-house wine expert, Konrad Ejbich, selects an ideal match for your dinner tonight



## cornmeal-crusted chicken

**PAIRING** Most wines go with chicken, but oaky whites will overpower this simple dish, and many reds will just make it taste dry. The breast portion improves most with a mild fruit-driven white. **KONRAD'S PICK** Gabbiano Pinot Grigio delle Venezie 2008, Italy, $13






## tuna wrap

**PAIRING** Tuna is a red meat and can handle a red wine if it's on the lighter side. Choose one with plenty of fruit – you want to avoid the mouth-drying sensation of tannic or very old wines. Fruity Pinot Noir and Gamay go best. **KONRAD'S PICK** Two Oceans Pinot Noir, South Africa, $10






## lemon + chili lamb

**PAIRING** Harissa, the hot, red North African spice paste, plays havoc with wine, so locals usually opt for arak with ice water, or beer. But not any beer – a malty ale will tame the flames better than a sharp light lager. **KONRAD'S PICK** Alexander Keith's India Pale Ale, Canada, $13 for six





## five-spice pork

**PAIRING** There's a special affinity between pork and apples. The crisp, fresh bite of hard cider has that same rapport. Ciders can be light or strong. For this dish, pick one with lower alcohol to play down the spicy notes. **KONRAD'S PICK** Cidrerie St-Nicolas Crémant St-Nicolas Sparkling Light Cider, Quebec, $11





## coconut rice salad

**PAIRING** A super-ripe New World Chardonnay with a rich bouquet and sweet, tropical flavours will bring out the best in this dish. Avoid high-alcohol wines as they exaggerate the heat of chili peppers. **KONRAD'S PICK** Fetzer Chardonnay 2008, California, $13

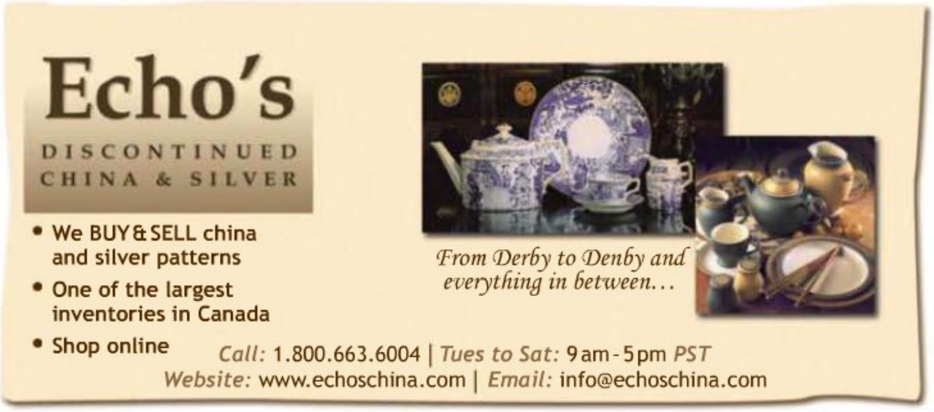



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Our editors reveal their favourite style-for-less shopping destinations across the country

# shops etc.



## one-of-a-kind accents

I'm enchanted by **Ouno Design**'s cushions. The colourful vintage fabrics will completely transform your living room if you want an update but can't afford to invest in new furniture. Influenced by Scandinavian and Japanese design, Ouno focuses on high-end modern looks created with a social conscience – the cushions, bedding, throws and bags are either upcycled from vintage materials or made from new sustainably produced ones. All are designed in Vancouver and are available for ordering online.

**CUSHIONS** from $75, Ouno Design, by appointment, 604-216-1103; ounodesign.com.



## • the best... in vancouver

Design editor **Ann Marie Favot** likes to source a mix of high and low finds for styling West Coast shoots

### artwork for the price of a greeting card

I applaud Emily Carr graduates Brandy Fedoruk (below left) and Rebecca Dolen for turning a passion for printmaking into their stationery business **The Regional Assembly of Text.** Not only are their handmade products adorable, but so is their store – I love the old library card catalogues and filing cabinets that house their creations. Buy a one-of-a-kind greeting card (from $3.50) or sheet of wrapping paper ($5) to frame as inexpensive artwork.

The Regional Assembly of Text, 3934 Main St., 604-877-2247; assemblyoftext.com.





**PHOTOGRAPHY** JANIS NICOLAY (THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY OF TEXT, THE CROSS DECOR & DESIGN)

### PRETTY LITTLE PICK-ME-UPS

Whenever I'm in Vancouver, I have to stop by **The Cross Decor & Design** to get my fix of "pretty." Besides the high-end crystal chandeliers, armoires and designer sofas, there are plenty of finds that won't break the bank. How about a pink magnolia-scented votive for $12 or a glass cake plate with a ruffled edge for $8? After a recent visit, I came home with pink-tipped matches in a sweet handmade box.

The Cross Decor & Design, 1198 Homer St., 604-689-2900; thecrossdesign.com. →









## BANG-FOR-YOUR-BUCK FURNISHINGS

Despite having 19 locations across Atlantic Canada, **Wicker Emporium** remains one of the East Coast's best-kept secrets. A great source for stylish staples, like acrylic ball table lamps ($40) and mango wood dining tables ($600), WE also offers painted wood furniture that steers clear of kitsch. The recent release of sophisticated stained pieces with curvaceous legs has upped the style ante even more.

**TUFTED TUB CHAIRS** $370 each, **CAPIZ SHELL MOBILE** $19 wickeremporium.ca.

## rethink, repurpose, redecorate

Ah, **Value Village.** What began as a hunt for a last-minute Halloween costume has evolved into a lifelong obsession with rooting through other people's cast-offs. Navigate the deals at this nationwide chain for potential makeovers – could any of the donated housewares be inexpensively transformed with a lick of paint, fresh upholstery or sparkly new hardware? Browse secondhand duds with an eye for deconstructing: although that gently used suit jacket may not be tailored to your frame, perhaps the pinstriped wool would make a gorgeous toss cushion. That kind of repurposing – the greenest form of decorating – just takes a little creativity!

valuevillage.com



# the best... cheap chain stores

News editor and Style Sleuth blogger (styleathome.com/stylesleuth) **Brett Walther** knows where to find decor deals and steals





## deal-icious fabrics

No trip back to my rural roots on the north shore of Lake Erie is complete without a visit to **Len's Mill Store.** Nestled in the picture-perfect lakeside town of Port Dover, Ont., is the original Mill – now one of eight stores across southwestern Ontario. An unassuming, rambling barn of a place, it boasts 30,000 sq. ft. of the most spectacular assortment of fabrics for home and fashion. Sewing and crafting supplies, drapery hardware and trim are all available at wholesale prices – or less. What keeps me coming back, though, is the yummy yardage, which I've quietly (lest my secret source escape) featured in *Style at Home* many times over the years. One of my fave Mill finds was this luxe-looking lavender linen (a backdrop in April 2009's Object Lesson) – an absolute steal at only $1.50 a yard!

Len's Mill Store, 825 George St. N., Port Dover, Ont., 519-583-0800; lensmill.com.

## summer style

The source for unashamedly back-to-basics Danish deals, **Jysk Bed-Bath-Home** has expanded to 40 locations across Canada. Jysk (pronounced "yisk") has found its forte in the outdoor living category – pretty picnic accessories, bistro sets and FSC-certified hardwood deep-seating sets are the highlights of this season's style-for-less offerings.

**LOUNGE SET** Casablanca FSC-certified hardwood four-piece $599 jysk.ca. →

**PHOTOGRAPHY** DONNA GRIFFITH (TOP RIGHT), GEOFFREY ROSS (BOTTOM LEFT), JESSICA LIN (FABRIC)

# HEAD to the HAMPTONS

This summer get inspired by relaxed yet refined Hampton living and incorporate that down-by-the-sea feeling into your own space with these stunning beach-themed items from HomeSense.





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**DREAM WEAVER**
This resin wicker side table screams summer with it's fresh white colour and laid-back vibe. $79.99. Compare at $140.

**STIR THE POT**
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**RETIRE TO THE LOUNGER**
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**CRABULOUS**
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## FINE FURNITURE FOR LESS

One of my favourite Saturday afternoon haunts is Belleville's **Funk & Grüven A-Z,** a lovely antiques shop with a great selection of formal pieces and some country classics, too. Proprietor Mike Malachowski combs eastern Ontario to unearth treasures from historic homes. Some pieces are made of mahogany and other top-quality woods. Other items are ripe for a quick makeover – like this tray my husband, Kevin, transformed with a wallpaper remnant and paint. I like the shop best for dining chair sets (from $200), sideboards (from $250), and side tables (from $50) in every shape, size and price. And speaking of prices – they're always fair here. I firmly believe that you get better quality for your money when buying antiques than when you buy a new item at the same price.

**TRAY** $40, Funk & Grüven A-Z, 52 Bridge St. E., Belleville, Ont., 613-968-5612; funkandgruven.com.



## thrifty things

**Hidden Treasures,** a small thrift shop on the main street in Tweed, Ont., lives up to its name – there's always a gem to be found for a song. Over the past few years, my finds have included countless vases for less than $1 each, a French oak sofa for $80 (which I had reupholstered), a midcentury six-drawer teak credenza ($40), and my most recent triumph – this sweet pair of painted chairs for the princely sum of $2 each. When a quick inspection revealed a Made in Denmark stamp under the seat, I couldn't pay for them fast enough. A little Googling later revealed their true identity: they're by Scandinavian designer Folke Palsson and were made by FDB Mobler. Market value is about $235 each!

**CHAIRS** $2 each, Hidden Treasures, 333 Victoria St. N., Tweed, Ont., 613-478-0101.





# the best... in tweed & belleville

Senior design editor **Margot Austin** appreciates the value of quality antiques and loves an imaginative flea market makeover



Be sure to check in at your local thrift shop often so you don't miss out on the best pieces – they always go fast!

## a world of choice

I love antiques co-ops – where many dealers pay to rent booths in a large building or set up in an outbuilding – because they bring together such a wide array of merchandise, everything from old tools to dining tables. At **Bridgewater Antique Market,** I've found chests of drawers (including this one, left, which I gave a spiffy makeover with a fern stencil), a Limoges platter ($20), ironstone pitchers (from $25), tartan blankets (from $30) and more. Prices are always great.

**CHEST OF DRAWERS** $80, Bridgewater Antique Market, 7200 Hwy. 37, Tweed, Ont., 613-478-3255 (open April to October). →

**PHOTOGRAPHY** ANGUS FERGUSSON (TRAY), JESSICA LIN (CHAIRS), PETER SCHAFRICK (CHEST)



# the best... in neuville

Editor in chief Erin McLaughlin is always on the hunt for "must-have" accessories – at a discount






## très charmant, pas très cher

Just 25 minutes east of Quebec City is the town of Neuville, where my sister Alexis discovered **Lorraine Lemieux Antiques.** Mme. Lemieux, the charming proprietor, fills her showroom with stunning pine antiques, their original paint finishes unveiled by her expert craftsmen. But the gorgeous armoires, tables and chests aren't the only draw – she also carries quirky and unique antique accessories at reasonable prices. Every time I visit, I leave with something, like this red painted trug or pair of 1930s lanterns, both of which have been used in several photo shoots. No matter if it's a $5,000 armoire or $50 folk art, Mme. Lemieux's eye for quality and style is in evidence.

**TRUG** $40, **LANTERNS** $25 per pair Lorraine Lemieux Antiques, Neuville, Que., 418-876-2676.

**PHOTOGRAPHY** LUIS ALBUQUERQUE (TRUG), STACEY VAN BERKEL-HAINES (LANTERNS)


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## christine's notebook **FROM P 46**

### more grasscloth looks we love

Designers have embraced the resurgence of grasscloth with dramatic new patterns.



{ In addition to shimmery metallics, bold graphics and saturated brights, the other trend in grasslocth is the continuing reinterpretation of historically popular motifs, like exotic or pastoral scenes and traditional chinoiserie. }

**WALLCOVERINGS** (from left) Rainforest on jute and cotton in Green/Vanilla $442 per roll, through designers, brunschwig.com. Willow Lake in Blue/Cream $376 per roll, through designers, leejofa.com. Hula Hula in Tropic $123 US per yard, through designers, crezana.com.

## oops!

### correction



In Restyle (April 2010), the glass dish by Renato Foti of Trio Design Glassware is $320.

## french twist **FROM P 139**

### in bloom: peonies

A classic white ceramic pitcher is the perfect vessel for an arrangement of these blooms.

**TIPS**

- Cut peony blooms in the early morning.
- For long-lasting peonies, harvest them when the colour just begins to show on the flower.
- Use sharp pruners to cut stems on an angle; immediately plunge stems into fresh cool water.
- Never cut more than 50% of the blooms from any one plant. →



**WORDS** CHRISTINE HANLON (GRASSCLOTH), MARGOT AUSTIN (PEONIES). **PHOTOGRAPHY** JESSICA LIN (GRASSCLOTH), VIRGINIA MACDONALD (PEONIES)

## where to find it FROM P 120
### family friendly




**PAINT** (throughout, except master bedroom) Whitehall P1879-4 para.com. **DINING ROOM ADDITION CONSTRUCTION** Prolific Contracting 416-997-8652. **WINDOWS, DOORS** blissnoram.com. **ART SHELF** Ribba, **UPHOLSTERED CHAIR** Henriksdal, **LIGHT FIXTURE** IKEA PS Maskros ikea.ca. **WHITE CHAIRS, PICTURE FRAMES** westelm.com. **ARTWORK** (in frames) 20x200.com. **RUG** elte.com. **KITCHEN CABINETS** Abstrakt high gloss white, **PULLS, SINK** Lansa, **FAUCET** Domsjö ikea.ca. **TILE** saltillo-tiles.com. **BLIND FABRIC** Essence in Leaf waverly.com. **POT** lecreuset.ca. **LIVING ROOM WINDOWS** gatorwindows.com. **ARMCHAIRS** craigslist.ca. **FABRIC** 24584-6 (sofa), Refinement in Flax (drapery), brown (seat cushions), Gaedown in 135 (chairs), through designers, kravetcanada.com. **FLOORING** torlys.com. **FLOOR LAMP** thriftstore.ca. **RUG** elte.com. **SOLID BLUE AND STRIPED CUSHIONS** potterybarn.ca. **NATURAL CUSHIONS** homesense.ca. **BIRDCAGE** westelm.com. **HALLWAY SPINDLES** habitat.ca. **GIRLS' ROOM BEDS** Minnen, **MATTRESSES** Sultan, **BASKETS** Byhoma, **RUGS** Vitaminer Hjärta ikea.ca. **WALLPAPER** Marimekko Unikko in beige alwaysmod.com. **SILK CUSHIONS, SIMILAR BEDDING** organic cotton westelm.com. **MASTER BEDROOM PAINT** Artichoke Blossom 6196-21 sico.ca. **WALLPAPER** Venezia's Reggio S-332-F, through designers, brunschwig.com. **SIDE TABLES, ARTWORK** frontiersales.ca. **FABRIC** Snap Check in Jet by Barbara Barry (cushion on chair), Modern Linen in Blanc (chair), Effervescence in Ivory (drapery), through designers, kravetcanada.com. **LAMPS** homesense.ca. **RUGS** urbanoutfitters.com. **BEDDING** ikea.ca. **STORAGE BOX** homesense.ca. **DRESS** winners.ca.

## where to find it FROM P 130
### a tale of two gardens



**BENCH** solusdecor.com. **GATE** superiorglass.ca. **WATER FEATURE DESIGN, CUSHIONS** Rosanne Daykin Interiors 604-736-7767. **URNS** eighteenkarat.com. **PLANTS** specimentrees.com. **GAZING BALLS** Southlands Nursery 604-261-6411.

## where to find it FROM P 134
### french twist




**CONTRACTOR** (renovations throughout, except kitchen) menatwork.net. **PAINT** Ultra White CC-10 (walls), Gray Timber Wolf 2126-50 (trim) benjaminmoore.ca. **EATING NOOK LOVESEAT** flikandcompany.com. **CUSHION** Jorun ikea.ca. **KITCHEN INSTALLATION** pegreno.com. **WINE RACK** potterybarn.ca. **PENDANT** brissi.co.uk. **COUNTERTOPS** Lagan, **CABINETRY** Lindingö White, **SINK** Domsjö ikea.ca. **FRENCH DOORS** Masonite (special order), **FAUCET** Kohler homedepot.ca. **FRIDGE** Frigidaire, **STOVE & DISHWASHER** KitchenAid, **MICROWAVE** Panasonic thebrick.com. **DRAWER PULLS** restorationhardware.com. **DOOR PULLS** leevalley.com. **LIVING ROOM SIDE TABLE** kimberleyjackson.com. **BUST** flikandcompany.com. **SEATING AREA CHAIR** thebay.com. **CUSHION** Aina ikea.ca. **DINING ROOM CABINET** flikandcompany.com. **TABLE, CHAIRS** potterybarn.ca. **PLATES** Staccato crateandbarrel.ca. **SECOND-FLOOR BATHROOM PAINT** Parma Gray 27 farrow-ball.com. **TUB, FAUCET** romanbathcentre.com. **CHANDELIER** greatlighting.com. **STOOL** flikandcompany.com. **TOWELS** pc.ca. **ENSUITE WINDOW CONSTRUCTION & INSTALLATION** Webwood Windows 519-595-8688. **WALLPAPER** Broad Stripe ST 1334 farrow-ball.com. **SINK, FAUCET** romanbathcentre.com. **MASTER BEDROOM SHAMS** Alina, **GREY CUSHION** Karlstad ikea.ca. **BEDSIDE TABLE** homesense.ca. **LIGHTING KIT** Living Lighting 416-481-4667. **LAMPSHADE** restorationhardware.com. **BENCH** aulitfinelinens.com.

## where to find it FROM P 142
### the power of paint




**DESIGN** Kathy McAuley Design 450-242-1515. **SIMILAR CURTAIN FABRICS** (throughout, except kitchen) Textiles Roberma 450-263-1781. **LIVING AREA PAINT** Windsurfer 10GY 74/325 (walls) cil.ca; Cloud White CC-40 (floor) benjaminmoore.ca. **COFFEE TABLE, SAILBOATS** coqrouge.com. **CUSHION** homesense.ca. **KITCHEN PAINT** Turtle Eggshell 6107-11 (chairs, table base), Fountain Spout 2059-70 (tabletop), Cloud White CC-40 (countertop) benjaminmoore.ca; Windsurfer 10GY 74/325 (island, walls) cil.ca. **BOWLS, PLATES, FLATWARE, COOKBOOK, TEA TOWELS** arthurquentin.com. **ENAMELWARE, VASES, CUSHION** homesense.ca. **FLOWERS** fauchoisfleurs.ca. **BEDROOM WALL PAINT** Fountain Spout 2059-70 benjaminmoore.ca. **QUILT** Clementine à la Campagne 450-243-4111. **CUSHIONS** homesense.ca. **BATHROOM WALL PAINT** Fountain Spout 2059-70 benjaminmoore.ca. →


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style news FROM P 27

## style at home paint primer

Want your rooms to look as if they belong in the pages of *Style at Home*? Choose the perfect paint colour from the new Style at Home Colour Collection for Beauti-Tone.




Paint the ceiling of your bedroom Pale Sky for a dreamy effect.




A front door painted in Blacksmith is like a little black dress – always chic.







Painting the inside of an open or glass-front cabinet a pretty accent colour like Fern or Cornish will show off collections.







If your room has a garden view, painting the interior walls in Granny Smith or Viburnum will unify indoors and out, making your room appear larger.







In a room with sharply angled ceilings, like an attic, paint the walls and ceiling the same colour. Try Pool or Light Amethyst in a bathroom or attic bedroom.

View the full collection at **STYLEATHOME.COM/BEAUTITONE**



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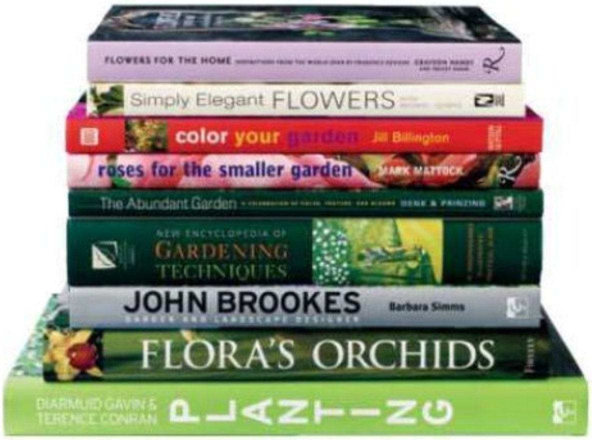
**PAINT** (left to right, from top): Viburnum SD038, Wisp SD023, Mediterranean SD005, Sky SD017, Moccasin SD048, Blacksmith SD040, Lighthouse SD043, Felted SD030, Trinity Blazer SD050, Nomad SD003, Ray SD049, Watermelon SD031, Granny Smith SD008, Pool SD009, Light Caramel SD035, Fern SD019, Cranberry SD018, Wasabi SD007, Cornish SD044, Tea Rose SD032, Style at Home Colour Collection for Beauti-Tone from $27 per gallon homehardware.ca.

For the secrets behind this illustration, **STYLEATHOME.COM/STYLESLEUTH**

WORDS MARGOT AUSTIN. ILLUSTRATION CYBÈLE YOUNG

high+low FROM P 106

## reference library




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## food news FROM P 34
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### keep cool & carry one



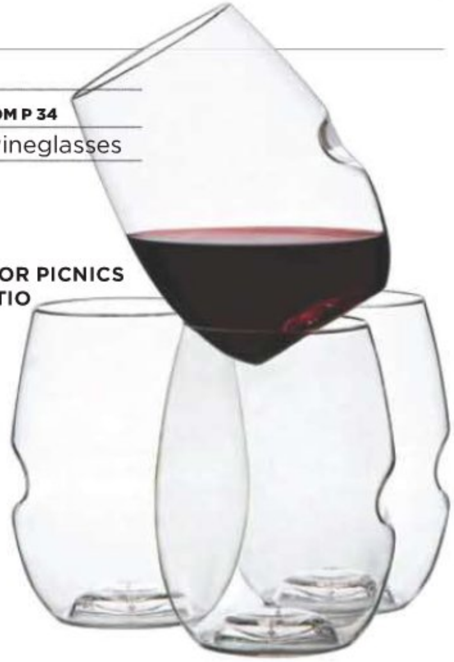
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**INSULATED BASKETS** $13 (striped), $15 (green) homesense.ca.

## food news FROM P 34

### unbreakable wineglasses



**PERFECT FOR PICNICS OR THE PATIO**

What's a picnic without wine? Govino's stemless wineglasses are shatterproof – and easy to hold thanks to an indentation where your thumb rests. So pack them in your basket with a Tetra Pak of wine, and you'll have the perfect complement to baguette and cheese! Reusable and recyclable (they're meant to be replaced after several uses), the 16-ounce glasses are made with BPA-free, food-safe polymer. Best washed by hand.

**GLASSES** $5 each ashtongreen.com.

## food news FROM P 34

### salad servers

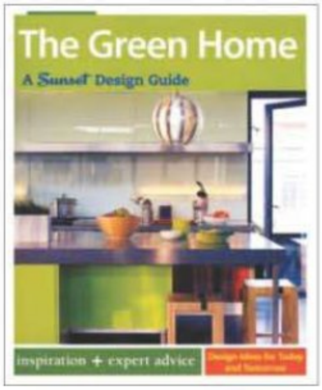
Alfresco goes fiesta with the addition of these colourful serving utensils, so pretty and affordable you'll want a few.

**SERVERS** Painted wooden $7 per pair homesense.ca.



**WORDS** JENN HOULIHAN (TOTES, SERVERS), SARA CATION (WINEGLASSES)

## home library
on our must-read list



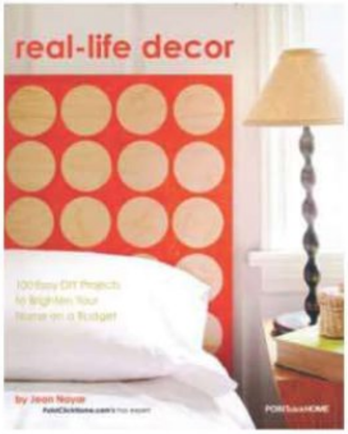

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## eco makeover FROM P 96
painting a brick fireplace

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**1** Scrub brick with a stiff brush and a mixture of trisodium phosphate (TSP) cleaner and water.

**2** Fix damaged mortar. Let dry thoroughly.

**3** Prime surface with Latex Block Filler, which fills in pores, creating a smoother painting surface. It also helps prevent paint from peeling.

**4** Apply two or three coats of latex paint.



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**TABLE LAMP** Lauren by Ralph Lauren 30" Dustin Dodecahedron in ebony finish with black linen shade $469 unionlf.com. @

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